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Bethel needs a rink master

By MICHAEL DANIELS

If standing outdoors at night in subfreezing weather, spraying water on the ground, then hauling heavy, wet hose back to the fire station is your idea of fun, the town of Bethel may have a job — unpaid of course — for you.

The town learned recently that the Recreation Board, which had traditionally set up and maintained the skating rink on the common, no longer plans to do so.

And we're not talking about tooling around on a Zamboni

Long-time Rec Board member Alberta Merrill, who for many years was part of the rink crew, said the current members either have jobs out of town or other obligations that make it impossible for them to take on the time-consuming chore.

"It's a major commitment for the months of December, January and February — hours and hours and hours," Merrill said.

"You're often up there before 5 o'clock in the morning," she said, and also have to be out there several other times a week, two and three days a week.

Town selectmen, who hope to find someone to take over responsibility for the rink, concede it's a big task.

Even after the spraying and hose hauling is done, said Don Bennett, "then you've got to

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All we wanted for Christmas



More than 400 people turned out at Telstar High School Saturday night to see and have their picture taken with the Boston Red Sox' first World Series trophy in 86 years. Here, Kelly Townsend of Waterford photographs her son, Travis (right) and his friend Nate Cleveland, as Mike Lynch of Newry looks on. (More photos, page 5).

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Firs were late arrival at Christmas festivities

By ALISON ALOISIO

It's Dec. 25, and few people in the Bethel area have a Christmas tree in their homes.

It's not a year of drought or an epidemic of disease among fir trees. It's 1914, and the tradition hasn't developed yet.

Edna York of Bethel, 95, celebrated her early-childhood Christmases without a tree.

"I lived in the country and in the city, in Albany and Lewiston, and neither place had Christmas trees," she said. "If there was a tree, it was at the church."

The church was the Congregational Church in Albany. A fairly large tree was put up inside, and the children went home with popcorn and ribbon candy, York remembers.

But at her house, "We just hung our stockings," she said.

York said her family first cut a tree for their home in Albany about 1920, and she recalls it was during the following decade that the evergreens became a popular part of the Christmas celebration in the area.

York's memories generally affirm the history compiled by Jean Hankins of the Otisfield Historical Society.

Hankins has a particular interest in the old-time Christmas traditions of rural western Maine. She said even community and church trees didn't come on the scene in most towns until the 1880s.

Edna York said her family first cut a tree for their home in Albany Township about 1920.

"There's not much mention of them in rural Maine until then," said Hankins.

When the firs did start appearing, "it was part of a year-end celebration, the end of the church-year festival," she said. "And it wasn't particularly religious."

The Christmas tree tradition had first come to America with German immigrants, and gained popularity in the cities in the mid-19th century.

But the trees, and the modern Christmas celebration itself, took longer to take hold in rural New England.

Thank the Puritans for that, said Hankins.

In the early Puritan settlements, "people were fined if they took the Christmas day off," she said. "It was not a religious holiday. It was celebrated in England, but the Puritans saw it as boisterous and rowdy. And they felt it was not scriptural — there was nothing in the Bible about celebrating it."

That influence continued through at least half of the 1800s. Hankins cites an Otisfield diary dated Dec. 25, 1888, showing the day was business as usual: "In the forenoon killed a pig. In the afternoon I went to Mark Knight's funeral. John Kemp had a housewarming at his new house."

But the celebration of Christmas, and the trees, would slowly work their way into rural hearts and homes. It was around 1900, said Hankins, that Christmas trees started moving from

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Book views Appalachian Trail from a new angle

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As a youngster, Mark Warner enjoyed hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail but never gave much thought to the idea of traveling it from end to end.

More recently, however, the 68-year-old retired nature photographer from Newcastle made at least a half-dozen trips along the entire 2,174-mile trail between Georgia and Maine, not on foot but in vintage airplanes he rebuilt himself.

Between those flights and a bunch of shorter ones, he figures that he has logged more than 20,000 miles flying above the trail.

Peaks, ridges, meadows, towns, road and river crossings are seen from 500 to 2,000 feet above.

The product of all that travel is showcased in Warner's latest book, "The Appalachian Trail: An Aerial View," a portfolio of pictures of the trail taken from a vantage point of 500 to 2,000 feet above the ground. In addition to the rugged peaks and high ridges the trail is famous for, the photos include lowland meadows, river and highway crossings, and even several towns.

The book was edited and designed by Michael Steere. Warner hopes it will appeal to trail hikers looking for a bird's eye view of the places they've passed through.

Warner, who has worked as a wildlife and boating photographer for 30 years, is the author of two books on nature photography. He said he decided to publish his new book himself in order to retain editorial control.

The Appalachian Trail Conference in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., is distributing the book, which spokesman Brian King said is the first such collection of aerial photos he has seen.

The book, sold at trail shops or through the ATC Website, should appeal to hikers as well as anyone who enjoys landscape photography, King said.

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Unlicensed lodging debate ends on a scholarly note

Ad hoc committee produces six-page 'bibliography'

By MICHAEL DANIELS

In a 4-1 vote Monday the Bethel Board of Selectmen attempted to put to rest — at least for the moment — the debate over how to deal with unlicensed rental properties.

But, said Don Bennett, who voted with the majority, "I wonder what we've gained."

What the vote did do was to accept a six-page report summarizing the various state and town laws and regulations, including sales-tax requirements, as they apply to lodging establishments.

The document, which was compiled by an ad hoc Lodging Committee, proposes no new ordinances or specific enforcement actions.

Instead, copies of the document will be made available in the code enforcement officer's office, to provide information for people who might want to set up a lodging or rental business.

It could also be used by the CEO in working with owners of out-of-compliance establishments, to help them conform to applicable regulations.

The debate over unlicensed lodging establishments began in July, when owners of licensed establishments complained to the board about unfair competition from their unlicensed counterparts.

"I know I'm losing money

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UVM student from Auburn dies in crash at Pleasant River bridge

By ALISON ALOISIO

A college student from Auburn died Saturday when her car went off Route 2 in West Bethel, overturned and plunged into the Pleasant River.

Emily Fletcher, 21, was driving home from the University of Vermont when her 1991 Volvo crossed Route 2, struck a guardrail and then a tree before rolling over and landing in the river.

The accident is believed to have happened late Saturday

afternoon, but the car was not found until Sunday morning.

David Luxton, who lives in a house adjacent to the river, said he thought he heard a crash at about 4 p.m. on Saturday, but did not see anything when he went out by the road to look. It was getting dark at the time.

Sunday morning, however, he went out and found debris, then spotted the vehicle in the river.

Rescue personnel, police and firefighters responded

to the scene a little before 8 a.m. The car was pulled from the river by a wrecker from Gaudreau's Repair, but no one was inside it.

Divers later found Fletcher's body in the river.

Police said she had gone off the right side of the road, then overcorrected and struck the guardrail. It has not been determined what caused her to go off to the right in the first place.

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Reconstruction of that treacherous stretch of Route 2 could begin next fall — if project makes the budget cut

By ALISON ALOISIO

Emily Fletcher was killed on a section of Route 2 that lies between two other sections the state improved this past summer.

The curve where she died has been the site of numerous accidents. But the six-mile section of road on which it lies was not included in this year's improvement work, because of expense and difficulty of construction. There is considerable ledge in the area.

"It's the next section to be completed," Heath Cowin, project manager, said Tuesday.

When will that be?

Work on the segment near the bridge could happen as early as next fall — if the project successfully competes for funding against others, Cowin said.

"We're currently putting the (statewide) work plan together," he said.

Cowin said sections of the six-mile stretch might be completed as less-expensive separate projects, rather than one large one, and the curve could potentially be part of a

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A listing of local Christmas services can be found on page 6.

Esther's on Christmas Break... So, Dr. Shaw's Office on lower Main Street will be CLOSED from Christmas until January 3. Happy Holidays!

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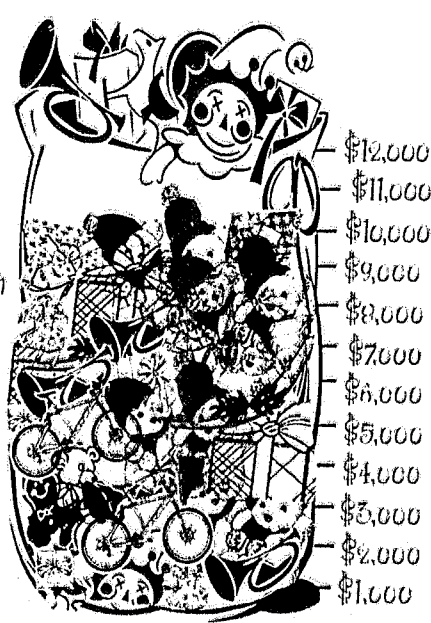
The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$10,200 so far toward its goal of \$12,000

To be used to purchase toys for needy boys and girls

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The Bethel Rotary Club
Christmas for Children
PO Box 471
Bethel, ME 04217

Requests for toys can be made up to December 20 at any SAD 44 school office, or mailed to the same address. All requests will be kept confidential.



Letters

MORE TO THE FUNDING QUESTION

To the Editor:

As a municipal official in a town with no police department I have a few points to consider regarding the funding formula suggested in the article in this paper.

It was suggested that the towns with no police get all of their coverage from the County Sheriff, but pay the same rate as towns with a police force. That is not accurate in the case of Sweden, and I would assume the other towns in the county as well. The county only covers us half the time. The state police cover the other half of the time, so that percentage should be allowed for.

So would Bethel also be suggesting that their state taxes be also reduced to reflect the reduced need of the state police?

The next point is the jail and courthouse. Here in Sweden we have no bars and no restaurants that serve liquor. Occasionally, someone may be arrested in town and taken to jail, but not often. So shouldn't the amount of time a town uses the county jail also be figured in funding? Why should Sweden taxpayers pay to house Bethel lawbreakers?

The next question I would ask my legislator is: Will all towns be able to opt out of the funding system if they choose to reduce county patrols? Or will the towns have to have a police department to get to the 10 percent rate. Perhaps we would request at Town Meeting that we provide \$500 per year for a police chief. Maybe our road commissioner could be our police chief or maybe our town constables would be enough and we would rely mostly on state police coverage.

We support the Oxford County Sheriff's Department completely, but we are a small town struggling to find the money for a new fire station. If we are faced with a large increase in taxes for OCSD patrol, we would also be looking for a way out and probably one of my suggestions above could be implemented. We would have to reduce OCSD coverage, but it is doubtful we would see much difference in crime and safety.

I only make these points to show how in this age nothing is simple and straightforward.

Carroll Murphy
Chairman, Sweden Board of Selectmen

LET MAINERS BE MAINERS

To the Editor:

One man's treasures are another man's junk. Proof of that are yard sales everywhere. Offensive objects or collections of stuff are open to interpretation. I have seen some objects that are called "art" displayed in the center of town, one in mind is at the entrance to the parking lot of the Hannaford grocery store. I personally cannot see any form of attraction or beauty in that display whatsoever, but I can pass by it and not let it bother me; if I don't like the looks of it, I just don't look at it. If my neighbor's yard collection gets to the point that it bothers me, I would build a fence or move.

It seems to me that our property should be ours to do whatever we want to with. Mainers are an independent and unique people, some collect cars or have a plow truck that is not brand new, some display old/antique wagons or farm equipment, some have whirligigs that they think are attractive. Maybe the character of the local people is one of the reasons other people move here from away. Any labeled "eyesores" haven't slowed down land sales and the influx of building in Bethel or the surrounding towns.

Personally, I think that some of the snobbish attitudes of our town officials toward our fellow citizens' property is more offensive than the "ordinance challenged" yards mentioned in The Citizen article. Let Mainers be Mainers!

Robert Blake
Bethel

KEEP CHRIST IN CONCERTS

To the Editor:

Over the last few years I have noticed that the schools try very hard not to sing Christmas songs with Christ in them and yet they always have Jewish songs in their programs. If they cannot or will not use Christian songs, then they should not use other religious songs. I just put on a Christmas recital myself and I used a little bit of everything.

The Pilgrims came here for religious freedom and so have many others.

Monique Bailey
Roman Catholic, Bethel

Letters to the Editor

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.

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EVERYONE INVOLVED SHOULD SHARE

To the Editor:

In this busy holiday season, we need to take time to reflect on the spirit of sharing and giving. I have been reading the letters to the editor each week, and I was hoping to see someone reflect on a very touchy subject. I guess I will be the brave soul to try and express my feelings.

I am a very involved parent. I am on the Woodstock PTA for my sixth year now, five of which I was and am an officer. I am an active fifth-grade parent as well. There have been many complaints about how "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas" premiere went down.

As you have read in the past, the monies were divided among three organizations. Woodstock and Andover fifth grades were not one of them. I will only speak for my own feelings even though I share the same of others in our community. We had many children from Woodstock School, along with many parents and grandparents, take time from their busy schedules and yes, even school to be in the movie. What do they get to show for their efforts? An acknowledgement at the premiere.

The reason I mention the fifth grades are because we have 24 fifth-graders that we are trying to send to Boston in the spring. In the past we have relied on the Longaberger Basket Bingo as our biggest fundraiser. The basket bingos are happening quite frequently now and even in our area. Therefore we are not getting as much of an attendance.

This year a number of our parents and even the fifth-graders worked long hours on a hunter's breakfast. Some parents were out getting donations, while others were at the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday night cutting 70 pounds of potatoes and returning at 2 a.m. to put on the breakfast. I will tell you right now, this wouldn't have happened without the help of these parents, children and especially Jerry Poulin and his family and Albert Lake. Thanks guys! We appreciate everyone that attended and ate a hearty breakfast and bought calendars and quilt raffles. We raised over \$500. This will not make a dent in the \$6,000 it is going to take to send these children on this fun, educational and exciting trip.

We could have used some funds from "The Twelve Dogs" premiere. One of our parents questioned Julie Parks. Her reply was that it was all the three organizations who volunteered their time to make it happen. Our question is, at what point were we approached or asked to help or even told it was going to happen? Never! We have very active parents and children who are always willing to help and go the extra mile for the sake of our children. Just ask. For the future, please consider all involved.

We have been trying to get donations for the basket bingo and most businesses are tapped out between the holidays and all of the other fundraisers. We all have parents of fifth-graders but Woodstock does not have nearly the amount of businesses and resources as Bethel. That is why we approach Bethel businesses for help. A lot of them have been very generous.

If you read this, you can see that I am not a professional writer; I just want to make a point. And these are my personal opinions, not necessarily those of others at the school.

Please join us for our Longaberger Basket Bingo on Jan. 30 at the Jackson-Silver Post. Thank you.

Michele Wakefield
Concerned Parent, Woodstock

GENUINE CONCERN IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY

To the Editor:

When I first came to the Bethel area, I used to chuckle about The Citizen's reports of runaway farm animals, lost and then reunited with their anxious animals. Well, 20 years later, it was my own much-loved quarter-horse who escaped and traveled more than three miles down the Sunday River Road.

Along the way he was apparently patted and calmed by someone working on the road, tied by a stout rope to an apple tree beside the road (dubious horsemanship, but the kindest of intentions!) by a very brave soul, and eventually found standing in Alan Fleet's backyard, loose once again.

Lucky horse, since Alan is the guardian of all living creatures, great and small, in this valley. "Mr. Wonderful" and I were reunited with much joy and relief on all sides.

To those of you from "away" who chuckle (as I used to do) at this quaint, rural tale, think again. Several people extended themselves, anonymously and courageously, to help an animal (and owner).

No one screamed at or threatened to sue me for failing to latch my pasture gate properly. And genuine concern by all was the order of the day.

My holiday wish for you all is that someday you, too, may have the chance to live in a caring community, such as this one, where everyone assumes responsibility for the least among us.

Ann Friedlander
Riley Township

Rink

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plow it, shovel it, whatever. It's hard."

But in addition to providing hours of pleasure for children and adults, all that hard work does add to the town's amenities and charm, said Stan Howe, who lives across the street from the rink.

"It's right out of Currier and Ives or Norman Rockwell," Howe said.

Anyone interested in taking on the job this winter is asked to contact the Town Office (824-2669).

Lodging

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because of them," said Kathleen Thrall, owner of The Inn at the Rostay.

"They market themselves through local rental agencies, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Sunday River Off Mountain Reservation Service," she had written earlier. "While this is not illegal, I feel I am at a serious disadvantage. As a lodging establishment I am required to have both state and local licenses. My mortgage, insurances, tax rate, utilities etc. are set at a commercial rate."

Chapman Inn owner Fred Nolte also urged the selectmen to consider the potential safety hazards posed by unlicensed establishments, in which, for example, any number of people might be sleeping when a fire broke out.

"You've got some serious safety issues here, and the fire marshal has absolutely no purview over these situations," Nolte told the selectmen.

Bethel Deputy Fire Chief Mike Jodrey seconded that assessment.

In response to these concerns, the selectmen agreed to form a committee to look at the situation — especially at the maze of regulations and often-conflicting definitions that apply to various types of lodging establishments.

Rumors lead to reaction

But when the committee's formation was reported in The Citizen, rumors began to spread that new regulations governing rental and lodging establishments were in the works.

In August a score of local real estate agents and property owners turned out for a selectmen's meeting to protest that the whole affair was

bad for business.

Bethel's housing market could be crippled by the prospect of limitations on an owner's ability to rent out, said Mary Jo Kennett of Kennett Realty.

Kennett described the impact of the rumors as "frightening."

Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, sought to assure the audience the committee was simply seeking information, not writing new rental rules.

In any case, he noted, "We cannot be responsible for the rumor mill."

Committee reports

The ad hoc Lodging Committee had five members — two owners of licensed lodging establishments (Thrall and Nolte); two real estate agents (Fran Head and Deb Martin); and Dresser.

The committee completed its work Monday with the presentation of the report to the selectmen.

Nolte described it as "strictly a synopsis of the rules and regulations as they are currently enforced by the state of Maine and the town of Bethel."

"We were not charged to be a police committee," Nolte told the selectmen. "We've written all the laws down that pertain to these issues, and then what we're asking you to do is to look at them and decide if something needs to be done."

Dresser described the report as "a bibliography ... to help direct people to the source material for the rules that affect them. That's all it is, it's nothing more. The whole enforcement issue isn't in the purview of that committee at all."

"This was dicey ground," Dresser said of the process that led to the report. "I think the early impetus for this was for some enforcement, but I think we all finally agreed we couldn't do that."

"If there are enforcement issues," he said, "it seems to me they should come through the CEO in some sort of formal way."

Selectman Reggie Brown argued that the CEO, Rich St. John, should take action only on the basis of a complaint, preferably signed.

"If someone is going to complain that their neighbor has 30 people living in the house, then they ought to be willing to sign that they're the one making the complaint," Brown said. "We don't want Rich running all over the countryside whenever anybody has a whim that their neighbor is doing something that they're not doing."

Brown also did not want to see the CEO forced to deal with lodging establishment sales-tax questions.

"We don't need our code enforcement officer being a revenue agent for the state of Maine," Brown said.

Brown ultimately voted against accepting the document.

"I just think we're sticking our nose in places where there's no need of it," he said.

Bennett voted for the report, but said he had his doubts much had been accomplished.

"There's still going to be those out there who will simply have a look at [the report]," he said, "and then still go ahead and put on their Website: 'sleeps 16,' when the building can only hold four."

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Edley Strickland observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Bryant Pond.

Owners John and Donna Gillis reported a brisk business during the first month of operation at Pat's Pizza on Bridge Street.

Members of the Children's Dance Theater had made their annual trip to Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris, to sing and dance for the patients.

Birth: Lucas Arthur Belasceau.

Deaths: Roy H. Moxcey, Alice Peare.

20 years ago: Gene and Gerry DeShon of Oxford had recently purchased the Trap Corner Store, West Paris.

Judy and Sean Shedd portrayed Mary and Joseph in Bethel's annual Living Nativity Pageant. Taking the parts of the Three Wise Men were: Dewaine Craig, Rodney Jordan and Matthew Brooks.

Roger Benson resigned as road commissioner of the town of Woodstock.

Lydia Bathen of Albany was manager of a new store, The Exchequer Mountain Grocery, located at Sunday River Skiway.

Birth: Hilary Marion Brown.

Deaths: Mrs. Mabel Stevens Greenleaf, Mrs. Edith Cole Quimby.

30 years ago: Doug Brooks and Levi Brown were co-captains of the Telstar ski team.

Telstar's Malcolm Bennett tallied 17 points in a losing cause as Mexico's Pintos triumphed 81-46.

Mrs. Carolyn Brooks was local chairman of the 1975 March of Dimes campaign.

Birth: Shelley Raye Swan.

Death: Jesse M. Perry.

40 years ago: The schoolhouse at East Bethel was sold to P.H. Chadbourne for \$1,550.

Fire apparently caused by defective wiring completely gutted the main house and caused extensive damage to the ell connecting the house and barn at the home of Lloyd Davis on Route 232, North Woodstock. Eighteen head of cattle, two horses, a car and a tractor were saved.

Sidney Dyke was ferrying a Cessna 310 from Wichita, Kan., to Beirut, Lebanon.

1st Lt. Richard L. Grover was being reassigned to Minot AFB, N.D., following completion of the U.S. Air Force's Squadron Officer School.

Deaths: Albert W. Davis, Mrs. Elmer M. Jefferson, Lauris F. Tyler.

50 years ago: A basement fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keoskie caused \$1,000 in damage.

The Gould Academy Alumni Association's annual holiday party was held at the Students' Home with 66 attending a buffet supper, followed by dancing at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Pvt. Owen Wight was stationed at Fort Dix, N.J. He had recently completed a nine-week mechanics course at Fort Benning, Ga.

Births: Kathy Ann Young, Ernest Frank Chapman, Nancy Jean Hanscom.

Deaths: Mrs. Grace G. Skillings, Mrs. Susie French, Kendra C. Curtis.

60 years ago: People were crossing the river on the ice at Rumford Pond.

Bryant Pond schools bought \$41 in defense stamps and \$325 in defense bonds in the month of December.

70 years ago: W.E. Hersey, North Waterford, purchased the Oxford Box Company mill at East Stoneham.

The Portland-Berlin bus driven by Leo Roderick of Berlin was in collision with a car near Gilead. No one was injured. Two sedans took the place of the bus for a time.

80 years ago: Sixteen houses in Bethel village were closed. Most of the occupants had gone out of town for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Tyler were spending the winter in Portland.

The Virgin sawmill outfit at Hanover was purchased by Paul Clements and moved to Howard's Pond.

100 years ago: Prof. Scott Wight returned from Aroostook County where he conducted several concerts.

George Bennett had given up the RFD #4 route and Henry Verrill had succeeded him.

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Briefly

Police merger to be discussed

MEXICO — The towns of Dixfield and Mexico are looking at the possibility of merging their police departments, and possibly including other area towns in the new department. The idea is one of several that is expected to be raised at a Jan. 18 meeting, at which officials of other River Valley towns plan to meet and discuss ways in which the various municipalities could pool resources in an effort to save money.

Benefit for Haitian adoption

WOODSTOCK — A benefit Scrapbooking and Stamping Day will take place Jan. 15 at the Woodstock Elementary School to help Mandy McInnis Chantasiri and her husband, Alex, raise \$10,000 to adopt a child from Haiti. Mandy is a graduate of Telstar High School. The couple was prompted to adopt after their two oldest sons, ages 7 and 5, heard about the living conditions in the country and wanted to do something to help. At first, they wanted to take their savings from the bank and send it to help feed children. But after learning more about life in the orphanages, they wanted to adopt a sister. The benefit event will last all day, with lunch included. Anyone not able to attend, but who would like to make a donation, may send checks payable to Amanda Chantasiri to Susan Byam, 36 Swett Ave., Mexico, ME 04257 (364-8185 for more info).

Conservation school online auction

BRYANT POND — Maine Conservation School in Bryant Pond is asking friends of the school and friends of Maine's woods, waters, and wildlife resources to donate products or services for an auction. This is an opportunity to help the school replenish scholarship funds and maintain its campus facilities. This is a chance to gain strong visibility for a business or service, as the donation will be listed in eBay along with photos and product or service information. The "MCS Outdoor Auction" will also be featured on the school's Website and advertised to over 9,000 camper families and friends of the school (through e-mail and direct mail). For information see the Website at www.meconservation-school.org or contact mcsops@megalink.net or call 665-2068.

Moosehead development proposed

PORTLAND — A plan by Plum Creek Timber Co. to develop two "destination resorts" and 800 to 1,200 camp lots in the Moosehead Lake region is the largest shorefront development project Maine has ever seen, Conservation Commissioner Patrick McGowan says. "We're worried that when we see it, we're not going to have the ability to process it because it is so big," McGowan said. The plan, which Plum Creek hopes to submit to the Land Use Regulation Commission in late January, involves a total of 465,000 acres, 14,000 of which would be developed. Land conservation incentives in the proposed deal include permanent trail rights for the state and shorefront conservation status for more than 50 undeveloped, "pristine" ponds in the area. The land proposed for development includes 6,000 acres for camp lots, 6,000 acres for the two resorts, 1,000 acres for an economic development/business park in Greenville and 1,000 acres for low-income housing in the same town. The remaining 451,000 acres would be subject to a 30-year forest management plan that would allow Plum Creek to continue cutting trees on the property but preclude further development. Plum Creek President and Chief Executive Officer Rick R. Holley said the project represents "certainty" for a vast area of Maine's woodlands. "This is the plan, there's no phases," he said. The 465,000 acres includes 48,500 acres that Plum Creek is buying from Hancock Timber Resource Group of Boston in a deal expected to close by year-end. At that point, Plum Creek will own 953,000 acres in Maine.

USFS reviewing comments

LACONIA, N.H. — And you thought Santa was getting all the wish lists this season. White Mountain National Forest officials are sorting through a mountain of letters, as thousands offered comments on proposed changes to the forest management plan. Friday was the last day to submit comment on the proposal, which will revise the way the forest is used for the next 15 years. The government's preference would expand the amount of wilderness areas by 34,000 acres and keep logging in the forest at current levels. The plan sets the use allocation for the 794,000 acres of federal land in New Hampshire and Maine. About 5,800 groups or individuals sent comments. Thomas Giles, who is leading the team analyzing the comments, says it will be at least February before they can make some judgment on what people told them. They hope to come up with another draft of the plan by summer. The issue that brought out the most comment was whether summer motorized recreation should be allowed, Giles said. The forest service's preferred alternative is to not allow ATV use in the forest for the next 15 years. Currently, there are no ATV trails in the forest.

Skiway donates to program

NEWRY — Project Opportunity received its annual donation from Sunday River recently, a \$30,000 contribution that was called the "backbone" of the program that provides scholarships and grants to students in the Bethel region. General Manager Dana Bullen awarded the check to Executive Director Ted Davis in a recent meeting. Project Opportunity is a local grant and scholarship program designed as an incentive for students to improve their academic standing and participation in school activities. Students accumulate points during their four years of high school, which allows late bloomers as well as an opportunity to earn scholarships. The program was founded in 1988 by Leslie B. Otten, former founder and owner of Sunday River and the American Skiing Company. At the time of its inception, Dr. William O'Brien of Virginia also provided a \$50,000 contribution after crediting teachers in Bethel with his success. To date, Sunday River has donated more than \$360,000 to the program.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, Dec. 20

At 12:50 a.m. Officer Ovide Richard found a vehicle off the road on Route 26. The driver was not at the scene, and the vehicle was towed.

Sunday, Dec. 19

At 9 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to a complaint at a village residence of one subject threatening another.

Saturday, Dec. 18

At 1:47 a.m. Officer Ovide Richard assisted the Fire Department with a resident having problems with a furnace.

Thursday, Dec. 16

At 12:50 p.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a complaint of the theft of a 16-foot metal handrail from a village construction site.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

At 10 a.m. Officer Phil Taylor responded to a one-vehicle accident on Route 2 in West Bethel.

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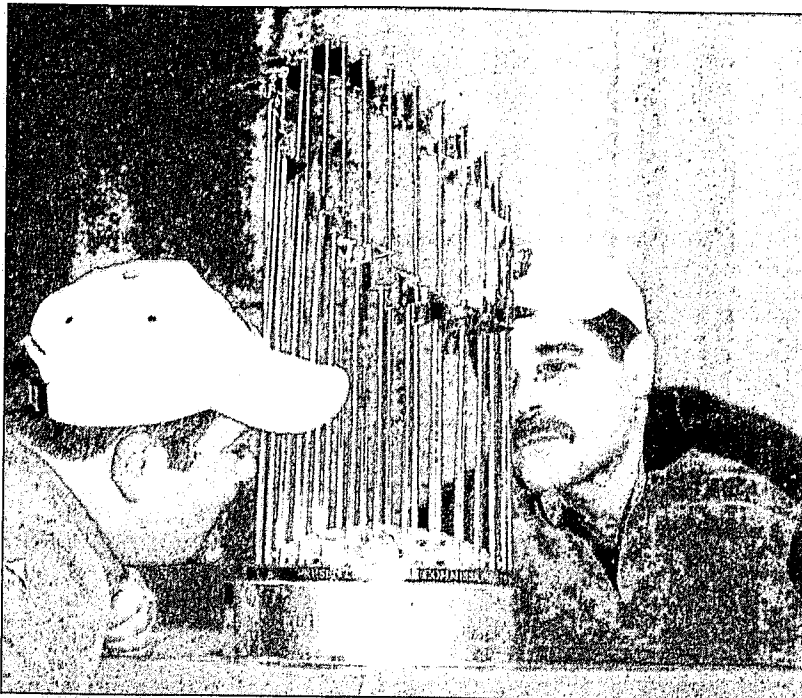
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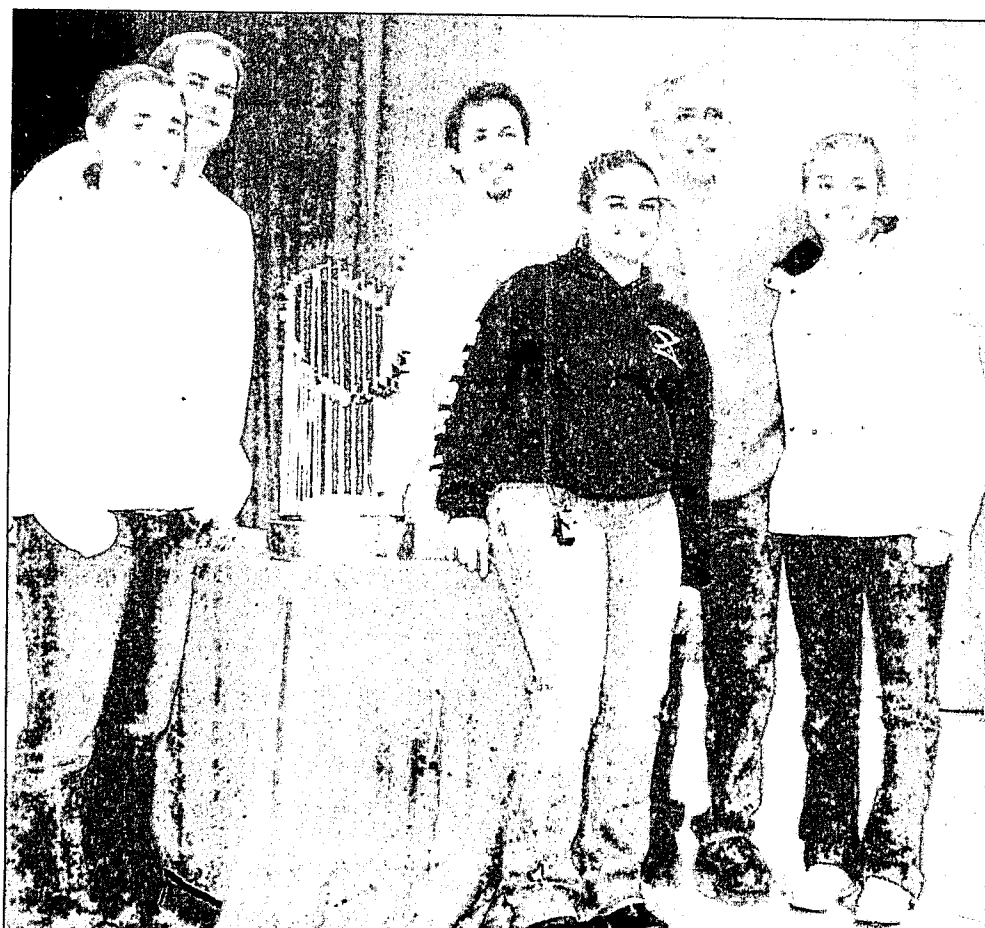
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Treasuring the Trophy



"ISN'T IT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING YOU EVER SAW?" asked one fan. "I can't believe I'm touching it," said another. On Saturday night, Les Otten, a minority owner in the Boston Red Sox, brought the team's World Series trophy to Telstar and to his Phoenix Restaurant at Sunday River. The stops were the last on a statewide tour that began Friday with a parade in Portland. Otten told the Telstar crowd the current owners of the team are its stewards — that the fans are the real "owners." Clockwise, from left: the trophy drew applause from even the youngest fans; one knelt before it; others puckered up; everyone wanted to touch it; fans of all breeds waited to have their picture taken; Otten helped with the picture-taking; Telstar field hockey players Jillian Kimball, Liz Rosenberg and Tara Lunney — who earned their own championship trophy this fall — joined Mark Kenney, Tim Remington and Otten for a photo; and Alice McInnis, 78, of Bryant Pond couldn't stop smiling after waiting nearly eight decades for a Sox championship. Photos: Andree Kehn (Otten lower right) and A. Aloisio



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department

Well, here we are, just two days away from the big day. Right about now I start getting as giddy and excited as a little kid. Nothing can get to the inner child in me than Christmas.

I have always loved Christmas and everything that goes with it. The lights, the wrapping paper and decorations, the Christmas carols, the story of the first Christmas, Santa Claus, the reindeer...everything! For this time of the year and only this time of the year, I even love snow! I can't believe I said that.

I don't like snow and cold any other time and I have often wondered why on earth Santa Claus would choose to live in a place as cold, snowy and desolate as the North Pole. What was he thinking?

I thought it might have something to do with the abundance of reindeer, but there are reindeer in places not quite as bleak as the North Pole. As it turns out, Santa had little to do with a choice of residence. An illustrator by the name of Thomas Nast who worked for Harper's magazine in the mid 1800's was the one who put Santa and his workshop in the North Pole. Mr. Nast was also the first person to draw Santa as human size rather than the jolly old elf of Clement Moore fame in the "Night Before Christmas". I don't know why the imaginative illustrator didn't do Santa a big favor and draw him on a tropical island paradise.

Whatever the reason, Santa Claus in the North Pole is one of the most loved of Christmas legends and traditions in the world. And Christmas, of all holidays, is full of traditions. In fact, Christmas is a combination of traditions from a half-dozen cultures, accumulated over centuries.

In my family we have our own traditions that have been observed each year since my children were youngsters. One of those traditions is my annual search for the perfect Christmas tree. After I have made the family go from tree stand to tree

stand in the bitter cold until their hands and feet are Popsicles, I finally pick a tree that will be two feet taller than my ceiling and have a wing span wider than a small airplane.

There is also the tradition of my hiding at least one Christmas present so well that I won't find it until the dog days of summer.

I thought you might find the origins of some of the more universally common traditions a lot more interesting than those in my family, so I'd like to share some of this information with you.

Christmas Traditions...

MISTLETOE - In the second century, BC, the Druids of ancient Britain celebrated the start of winter by gathering mistletoe and burning it as a sacrifice to their gods. Sprigs of the plant were also hung in homes to insure a year's good fortune and harmony. Guests to the home were embraced under the mistletoe. Twigs of the evergreen were hung outside the home to welcome weary travelers. And, if enemies happened to meet under a tree where mistletoe hung, they were required to lay down their arms and forget their differences for the day. Mistletoe became the symbol of hope, peace and harmony.

I can think of a few places in the world where I would like to hang an abundance of mistletoe.

POINSETTIA - The adoption of the poinsettia as the Christmas flower dates to 1828, but the association with Christmas is at least as early as the 18th century in Mexico, where the plant is native. The Mexican people referred to it as the "flower of the blessed night" because of its resemblance to the Star of Bethlehem.

In 1828, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to Mexico, brought the plant into the States where it was renamed in his honor. The

poinsettia's flaming red color established its association with Christmas and is the most widely distributed plant or flower throughout the holidays.

CHRISTMAS TREE - The custom of a Christmas tree, undecorated, is believed to have begun in Germany in the first half of the 700's. The story goes that St. Boniface was preaching a sermon on the Nativity to a tribe of Germanic Druids. To convince them that the oak tree was not sacred as they believed, he chopped one down. When it toppled it crushed everything in its path except a small fir tree. Boniface interpreted the tree's survival as a miracle and called it the tree of the Christ child. From that time on, the fir tree became a symbol of the season.

By the 16th century, fir trees, both inside and out, were decorated with paper roses, apples, wafers, gilt and sugar. Lighted candles were added by Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, after he noticed the moonlight shining on the evergreens that were covered with new snow. And so a tradition of lighted and decorated Christmas trees began.

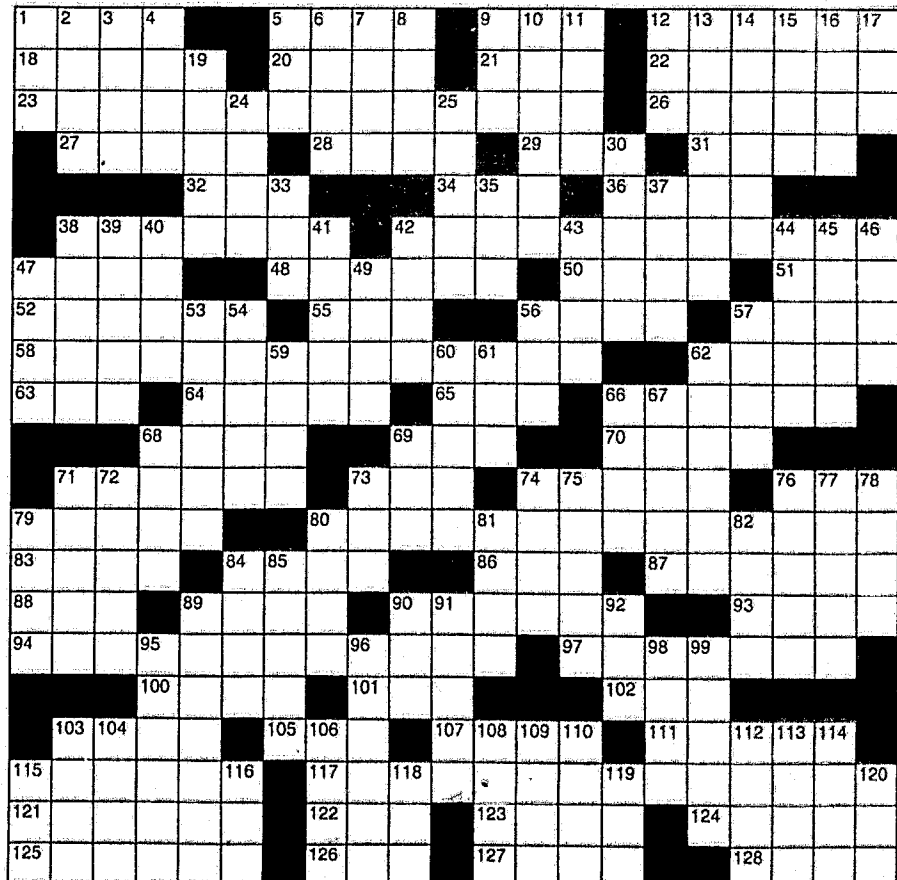
And, lastly, a word about **RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER** who was brought into this world in 1939 in Chicago. Montgomery Ward department store wanted to have a give-away that would be unique. Robert May, an advertising copy writer for the store came up with the idea of a poem printed in booklet form.

May wrote a poem about Rollo, the Red Nosed Reindeer, but Montgomery Ward executives didn't like the name Rollo. May changed it to Reginald and that was no better received. Rudolph was suggested by May's four-year-old daughter, and the rest, as they say, is history.

I think the traditions that we uphold are the best part of the Christmas season and the way I see it, it is time for me to start a new tradition of my own; and that is to wish all of you and your families the most blessed Merry Christmas.

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- 1 Cheryl of "Charlie's Angels"
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 - 9 "Sliver" (92 film)
 - 12 Rodeo ropes
 - 18 "America's Most Wanted" info
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 - 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
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 - 27 Tangle
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 - 31 Cart
 - 32 Altar oath
 - 34 Hair ball?
 - 36 "The — Is High" (80 hit)
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 - 105 Puppy bark
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 - 111 Stout
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 - 124 Lofty spaces
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 - 126 Getz's instrument
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 - 5 Role for a rat
 - 6 Baldwin of "Malice"
 - 7 Cry like a baby
 - 8 Novelist
 - 9 Tobacco Road
 - 10 Nasty guy?
 - 11 Try out
 - 12 Drink like a dachshund
 - 13 92 Disney film
 - 14 Audiophile's equipment
 - 15 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 16 French airport
 - 17 Govt. agency
 - 19 Printer's stroke
 - 24 Robert of "Rhapsody in Blue"
 - 25 Fireplace fragment
 - 30 Practice piece
 - 33 Vintage
 - 35 Manipulate
 - 37 Bookkeeping entry
 - 38 Dad-to-be, often
 - 39 Like Machu Picchu
 - 40 Rock found?
 - 41 Designer
 - 42 Germreigh
 - 43 Cowardly Lion Bert
 - 44 Mother Seton
 - 45 Jerkin
 - 46 Draft animals
 - 47 Movie piglet
 - 49 Bower Tyson
 - 53 Taciturn
 - 54 Teatime
 - 56 Where the gulls are
 - 57 Quaker colonist
 - 59 As a result
 - 60 Link
 - 61 Banned pesticide
 - 62 Cordial
 - 66 "The Thief of Bagdad" star
 - 67 Minos' realm
 - 68 Manumit
 - 71 Felidae
 - 72 Eye-related fabric
 - 73 Singer
 - 74 Ginger components
 - 75 One of the Yokums
 - 76 Antique
 - 77 Like a lummo
 - 78 — the bullet
 - 79 Muck
 - 80 Dupe
 - 81 Roman poet
 - 82 Present
 - 84 Mind — mator
 - 85 Actor McDowall
 - 89 "Sweet —" (1903 song)
 - 90 Healer or hen
 - 91 Good speller?
 - 92 Cal page
 - 95 Like mother-of-pearl, often
 - 96 Llama kin
 - 98 Starting at
 - 99 Neighbor of Niger
 - 103 Christmas-tree topper
 - 104 Singer James
 - 106 Mascagni opera
 - 108 Plumbing problem
 - 109 "Cope Book" aunt
 - 110 Heed
 - 112 Punta del —
 - 113 Blood
 - 114 " — Coming" (69 song)
 - 115 Cockpit fig.
 - 116 Head
 - 118 John Ritter's dad
 - 119 Language
 - 120 Weldon or Way



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Answers on back page

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Musa Brown entertained at a family gathering on Sunday

that included Lori and Bob Hickey of Massachusetts, Karen Davis and Katie also of Massachusetts, Heath and Rob Panico and Tia of New York, Becky Crommet of Livermore, Nancy Brown of Norfolk, Va., and Avery Angevine.

Tom and Dawn Giroux of Chapman Street entertained their family this past weekend for Christmas.

The Cantata, sung by a choir from area churches and directed by Beverly Melville at Locke Mills Church on Sunday afternoon was beautiful.

Recently, on our way home from Norway, which we travel quite frequently, Bob and I decided to do some exploring. The visiting nurse had told us that she lives on Bird Hill in Locke Mills — that brought back memories for Bob. When he was a young boy the Locke Mills kids went sliding on Bird Hill way down to the road. So we had to go and see the developments. Wow, so many nice homes. What a change! At one place there is a marker that marks Greenwood, Woodstock and Bethel. Following that visit we went on to Grafton Notch. It was a beautiful day and after a snowstorm the mountains were covered with snow. Just beautiful.

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge held their holiday game last Friday. Winners were: first, Bill Bowman and Woodie Mercier; second, Dick Allen and Pete Cummings; third, Marta Clements and Nancy Farmer; and fourth, Bev Dolan and Bev Pelletier. There will be no game on Dec. 24 or 31. Jan. 7 will be the first game of the New Year.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Pat Kimball will celebrate her birthday on Dec. 25.

Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington on Dec. 18 and 19. They all had lunch and exchanged Christmas gifts.

Jennifer Merrill of Andover with Katie and Taylor visited Wilma Bean and Arlene Harrington on Dec. 19.

The next Grange meeting will be Jan. 14, the fourth Friday this month being Christmas Eve.

The Bethel Philatelic Club will meet on Dec. 28 at the O'Neil Robinson House at 2 p.m.

Not much news this week. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. God Bless the Troops.

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte
Merry Christmas! It will be a very white one. Monday's snowfall was

happily received by all the children. Overworked moms, getting ready for Christmas, were not so amused at the "no school" signal. The snow is very pretty in spite of the downside — shoveling, plowing and wet floors.

The snowmobile trails that the club worked so hard on have received some bad news. Logging roads will be plowed preventing their use. The bridge that the members rebuilt may not be able to be used. Let's hope the logging companies will do their best to accommodate those enjoying this wonderful winter sport. A letter to Scrooge might help.

The deer have been gradually migrating to the "Yard." Plans are afoot to move the feeding ground more toward forested land. The coyotes howl at night. Let's hope the herd does not receive major damage.

I recently received a clipping from a newspaper in Fresno, Calif. Byron Hallen, of Lemore, Calif., sent us the article about the Dog Sleds on Lake Umbagog. Thanks, Hal.

On my way home from church Sunday I saw the same team or teams hitching up the dog sleds at the Public Landing in Cambridge, N.H. The lake must be solid enough to support them. We think it's still too early to use the lake for snowmobiling.

The temperature on Monday was one above zero at noon. The Upton Strollers made their usual walk. They were bundled up in parkas and scarves. They looked quite healthy, if a

Area Christmas Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational— Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve family service with bell choir ringing; 11 p.m. service of candlelight and communion. Dec. 31: 4 p.m. Vespers service.

Bethel Alliance— Dec. 24: 7 p.m. candlelight Christmas Eve service.

Bethel Methodist— Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service.

West Bethel Union— Dec. 22: 7 p.m. Service of Scriptures and Carols.

Our Lady of the Snows— Dec. 24: 3 p.m. Christmas Mass.

Newry

Sunday River Christian Ministry— 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service with fellowship and singing, at Barker Lodge.

Andover

First Congregational— Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service (people who have bell(s) are asked to bring them).

West Paris

West Paris Baptist— Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

West Paris Mission Congregational— Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

East Sumner

East Sumner Congregational— Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Waterford

Waterford Congregational (Plummer Hill Road in Waterford Village)— Dec. 24: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service with special music, traditional Christmas pageant and candle lighting. Children and adults will present a tableau of the Christmas story, a Christmas choir will perform, and many favorite carols will be sung, ending with Silent Night and a candlelight closing.

red nose is any indication of health.

The cold has brought in many birds to the feeders. Peanut butter doesn't last very long. A single starling showed up on Sunday. If he sticks around, and doesn't freeze to death, he will be in the Christmas Bird count. Pine siskins are in abundance. The cardinal pair show up at dusk. Blue and gray jays are ever present. Evelyn Kenney saw a flock of robins on the way to Lewiston. None of these are the Bird of the Week.

This week's Bird is the red-tailed hawk on the building in New York City. The pigeon carcasses that they drop on the unsuspected below is gross. Give these birds credit for trying to clean up New York City. When I worked on Fifth Avenue (a hundred years ago) the pigeon drop-

pings were monumental. I say three cheers for the red-tailed hawk.

As you leave a treat for Santa, on his visit, plan to let the birds benefit from the Christmas warmth with extra goodies.

Thank you all for your letters and kind words. May this be a wonderful holiday season for you.

There isn't much news this week. The residents of Upton have gone into hibernation with the bears.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman
I received word from two sources of a rescue in Newry this past week.

I saw Joan Bartlett of Newry and she was telling me the story of her cat, Hannah, who had been trapped in a pine tree for two days. She was looking for suggestions on how to get the cat down other than, "don't worry the cat will come down when it is ready." Some cats do not. This happened to be

one of those cats. After a few suggestions, I departed with instructions for her to call me with the results of the event.

The next day I received a call from Joan with all the details and praise of her hero who rescued Hannah. I also received a call from my brother, Steve McLain of Gilead, with a report on the incident. It was his son, Brad McLain of Newry and formerly of Gilead, who climbed the 60-foot pine tree, put Hannah in a cat carrier and lowered her to the ground. Other than being a little cold, hungry and covered with pine pitch, she seemed all right. Many thanks to Brad for all his help.

Hugh and I had company this past weekend. Our grandson, Benjamin Chapman of Ellsworth, came for a visit with his mother, Elena Martin. Elena and her husband, Jon Martin, along with his two children, Ryan and Greg, stayed with Jon's brother and wife, Jeff and Kate Martin of Bethel.

I have recently received a couple of e-mails from my nephew, Capt. Stephen McLain III, who is stationed in Iraq. He sent a picture of himself and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The last picture he sent was a picture of the Resource Management Staff. Steve is assigned to the Multi-National Corps-Iraq and it is the headquarters for a majority of the units in Iraq. It is a three-star general command; General Casey is the Multi-National Force commander. Steve is in the Resource Management office, which budgets funds for the units, and he is in charge of the audits and management control program. If his tour is not extended he will return home in May 2005.

I would really like to hear from people in Gilead with news. Please give me a call at 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com with some news. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The water at Howard Pond skimmed over with ice just before the first lasting snow arrived. It has not been cold long enough to make the ice safe to walk on. It is especially not safe to travel over the ice with snow machines or ATVs. The Hanover Emergency Management Office has issued a thin ice warning at Howard Pond and recommends that people and animals stay off the ice. The warning also was extend-

ed to the waters of the Androscoggin River.

It must have been Hanover Day at Portland last Sunday, as Hanover area residents were spotted all over the city shopping for Christmas or attending Sesame Street Live at the Civic Center.

Snowplows and sand trucks were called out most days early last week as a series of small snow, ice and sleet storms moved across the area. As of last weekend there was about six inches of snow on the ground with more promised for this week. After the snow, the weather turned nice and sunny but cold with morning temperatures near zero or a little below.

As you may recall, several weeks ago we reported about an auto wreck on Route 2 near the Rumford town line. The fire truck responding to the accident traveled to the Newry town line looking for the mishap. Boy, did I catch heck when the fire truck driver caught up to me. It seems there was quite a bit of ambiguity as to the location as reported by the Oxford County Regional Communications Center. Citizens are reminded that when they call 911 to file an emergency report they need to be accurate as to the location where the help is needed. Besides house numbers, businesses, intersections or other well-known landmarks make good reference points. Also, it is a good idea to have someone near the road to flag down emergency personnel if the location is not obvious.

The Town of Hanover reminds you that the Town Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve and also on Friday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve.

We wish everyone the very best of Christmas holidays. Enjoy the festivities to the maximum.

Mason



by Richard Grover
Last week was a good one for me. On Wednesday,

Mona and I made our 25th and last trip to the CMMC radiology clinic for my final radiation therapy treatment. I am lucky that only a small area had to be treated, because that reduced the side effects. My only noticeable side effect is the "sunburn" on the back and right side of my neck. I figure that most of the redness will be gone in two or three weeks. It is already peeling.

One welcome effect of my treatments was that I made a couple new friends. One fellow

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is a fisherman whom I had seen at Crocker Pond before but hadn't gotten to know very well. When I finished therapy, we both promised to phone the other if we found the trout biting at Crocker. Another new friend is Alan Newton, whom I had known but whom I had never really met before.

It was interesting to meet so many people with different attitudes and different cancers, all making daily trips for radiation to various parts of their anatomy. Most of the patients were upbeat, seemingly taking the radiation in stride, telling jokes or stories and kidding around about the "johnnies" and robes we had to wear. Some were pretty much stoic, having little to say to others.

One young lady in her 30s seemed pretty despondent the first few days I watched her waiting her turn. I made small talk with her and learned that she had a small child at home and felt that she was too young to have breast cancer. Over time, after hearing some of the other patients chattering and joking while facing similar or worse cancers than hers, she began to cheer up. She even laughed about coming out of the treatment room and seeing her own bare chest on the TV monitor in the control room. (Patients are monitored via closed circuit TV while they are being treated, because the technicians obviously can't stay in the room while radiation is happening.)

Once my treatments were finished, I could spend more time getting ready to cut firewood in earnest (actually, in the big bad gully in my "back 40"). The six inches of hard, crusted snow actually make for pretty good logging. The snow has enough "body" to it to make good sledding roads; packing it into the holes, hollows and low spots evens out the travel. I now have a pretty good twitch road over some rough ground and steep descents. I've even gotten all the muddy places but one solidly covered by hard, frozen snow. I'm ready for lots of production, as long as the snow doesn't get too deep. I'm clearing out a lot of dead and dying hardwood trees damaged by the '98 ice storm.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh
The bird population at our feeders is growing in number and variety as winter weather progresses. The tufted titmice have been regular visitors, as have huge flocks of goldfinches. Now there is a

group of evening grosbeaks that has appeared for several days, increasing in size each time it returns. Of course, the blue jays, doves, and two gray squirrels are regular guests as well. On Sunday we spotted a pair of purple finches at the sunflower seeds. Jerry Vincent of Chestnut Knoll reports that he has a pair of cardinals as regulars, along with a lone pine siskin.

The West Bethel Children's Center celebrated the start of Christmas vacation with a horse-drawn wagon ride last Thursday, courtesy of Wyatt and Diane Ward. The tots were driven around the Liberty Lane loop in four separate batches, and all had a marvelous time.

Also last Thursday, the Grange was forced to cancel its annual Christmas party, because the furnace would not work. With the temperatures we've been having, there would have been some mighty chilly Grangers.

The rehabbed Route 2 looks very good; however, several local residents complain that the new configuration makes walking unsafe on the south side of the road, and getting to the post office, hazardous. In a nation of overweight people, it seems we ought to be making our streets and roads more pedestrian friendly so that we can walk more, but instead there seems to be less and less provision for walkers.

On Saturday, I attended training for the Nordic skiing program of Maine Handicapped Skiing at the Sunday River Inn. I was pleasantly surprised to see Chris Trefethen there also. Chris will be volunteering in the program for the first time this year and is looking forward to the experience. While we were going through our paces, the Bill Koch children's ski program was also at the Inn, with the "Flying Moose" ski team, comprising youngsters of grade school age, out in full force. Chris's son, Eliot List, and my grandson, Andrew Siegel, were among the future Olympians (?).

I'll close this week with a bit of seasonal doggerel:

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all over town, West Bethel was waiting for snow to come down.

Christmas lights twinkled in windows and trees, And Westleighs' three wise men were down on their knees. Caili and Ani hung stockings with care, And Sophie and Eliot and Helen hung theirs. Kitchens were fragrant with wonderful smells, And everyone listened to hear some sleigh bells.

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winter's big blast.

Now I want to say as my deadline draws near,
Happy holidays to all, full of love and good cheer!

Waterford



by Rockie Graham
Today, Tuesday, is Winter Solstice. It is 10 below

this morning and the sky is clear. Tasha finally went out at 8:30 this a.m. She came back in fairly quickly and now lies by the stove. Can't blame her. All rooms but the den are 45 to 50 degrees. This column will be written slowly so I don't become a popsicle stick.

After today, the days will get longer. That will be nice. It has been getting hard to see at the transfer station in the late afternoon when the sun goes behind the mountain. Now the days will grow longer even if they are cold. I like coming home and still having a few hours of daylight to play outside.

The Hart family got together for a turkey dinner and to exchange presents. The grand-

kids had a great time and the kids all enjoyed themselves. It was great to see the babies, Sarah and Madison, gurgling and enjoying themselves. The older ones all seem to get along and loved playing with their presents.

Remember: The Transfer Station is closed Christmas Day. It will be open Sunday, the 26th. All Christmas paper will go in the non-corrugated cardboard bin, minus the ribbons and the bows. See an attendant if you are unclear where to put something. Most people have been doing great. I see more and more people emptying their boxes in the hopper and then recycling the boxes. Great job.

That's all for this week. Have a great Holiday. Stay warm and safe.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb
Winter is due during this week but we have been receiving it all week. With all

the sleet and rain the drive was covered with ice. My daughter, Wendy, and

her husband, Bill, flew into Portland airport on Thursday from Oregon. They flew from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Maine, where I picked them up. They plan to stay for three weeks to celebrate Christmas with the family in Maine. Bill is always busy and looking for things to do, so he chopped the ice off the drive. Then another snowstorm came and blocked it full again.

The West Paris Universalist Church is holding its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m. There will be special music with Jim Burke at the organ. All are welcome. There will be no worship service on Sunday, Dec. 26. Services will be held as usual on Jan. 2, at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, Wendy Lamb and I went to Augusta to visit with my daughter, Peggy, and helped decorate gingerbread cookies and make bread and cranberry/orange buns. I had taken my sewing machine and made Peggy's new puppy, Maizy, a snoopy stocking for Santa to fill; I had to sew a pocket on the front so Santa could leave her a bone. For lunch Peggy served us pasta

with sauce and "fake" (vegetarian) meat balls and for supper the Chinese buffet in Augusta was very good. We got home way after dark, but the roads are all quite good with the rebuilt Route 219.

Forty people attended the West Paris Universalist Church's Christmas potluck and party on Sunday. After the delicious supper, all participated in singing Christmas carols. Joe and Peg Perham were accompanied by three granddaughters and three great-granddaughters. Milt and Eleanor Inman's family included two granddaughters also. And the Days brought a granddaughter too, so it was an all-girl party. The older girls had a nice surprise for us adults — they sang Christmas songs on the stage while Jim Burke played the organ. Santa made a surprise visit, which the children enjoyed, and they liked their presents and bags of popcorn, which had a mouse with a candy cane tail attached.

Buffy is happy with the company and is glad to purr for them any time that they will pet or brush him. I am told

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that he does not walk like a normal cat but moves the legs on one side ahead, then the ones on the opposite side. He likes having another "boy" in the house to watch football with.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellow-

ship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting and Thursday morning at 9 a.m. is ladies Bible time.

Monday evening, Dec. 13, Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans met at the home of Alice Hoyt with 10 members present. The charter was draped for PNP Lois Jean Hiccox. Second nomination of officers and election was held — president, Marybeth Hoover; senior vice president, Elsie Bonney; junior vice president, Amanda Jordan; chaplain, Elena Noyes; treasurer, Harriett Estes and Alice Hoyt; council members — number one, Elizabeth Hoover, number two, Helvi Cary and number three, Beatrice Farnum; patriotic instructor, Sally Sawyer. The next meeting is installation of officers on Jan. 10 with a tasting party. Communications were general orders number one, two cards with dues, and donation. Mystery package went to Beatrice Farnum. We sent a birthday card to Edith Hathaway, who was 97 years old on Dec. 8. An exchange of cards and gifts was held after the meeting with a tasting party.

Evelyn T. Bean hung Christmas wreaths on the Universal-

ist Church doors in memory of all loved and deceased members of the church.

The Woodstock Extension group met at the home of Alice Hoyt for their Christmas party. Ten members were present.

The December meeting of the Historical Society was a potluck supper and Christmas party at the home of Mary Billings. Everyone felt the supper was the best ever. During the business meeting Curator Larry Billings read a religious quote by Jonathan Edwards appropriate to the season. Olive Risko read a research report on what happened to the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. The gifts exchanged ranged from a video to a disposable camera to a ceramic angel. Members also discussed their favorite Christmas memories from singing in the choir to getting tangerines as stocking stuffers years ago; they were rare then. The January meeting will feature Town Manager Vern Maxfield speaking on changes in the Town of Woodstock since he has been in office.

The museum has many things in its collections such as furniture, glass, china, farm items, small collectibles, art, books, tools, textiles, photos, jewelry and many interesting things in notebooks or in its files.

January through April the society will meet at the Town Conference Room, however, but the programs will still keep you abreast of historically significant subjects. So why don't you attend. It's a responsible organization that preserves many treasures and records of the area. Most of Ruby Emery's books are also in the library so you can go there for your research during the winter. Ruby knew the value of duplicate records.

Olive Risko is thinking

about some things for Oxford County's 200th anniversary, with the help of the curator. She is also making a list of books published by Bryant Pond authors. Larry supplied her with some information from the museum.

Curator Larry got a nice video on Ingrid Bergman in exchanging gifts with his brother at the Historical Society Christmas party. He collects books, movie videos and photos relating to Hollywood celebrities.

Curator Larry will be 57 on Jan. 20 and doesn't mind telling his age, though he probably should be.

Merry Christmas to each of you.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

A small group gathered at the burial of Florence Watson

at the South Woodstock cemetery last week. Richard and I, Hazel Cole and Dale Poland attended. Dale read some passages from the Bible and said last prayers. It was a real nice service and was glad I attended.

Snow is coming fast. I hear on the news we may have a white Christmas; we already have one here in South Woodstock and north.

Christmas shopping is over and wrapped. Richard and I spent almost a whole day wrapping presents, etc. We can't put them under the tree yet as our kitten, Suzi, likes to open them. Stores have been crowded so am glad to get it done.

Rick Wing stopped one day last week; he was doing electrical work in the area.

Kellie Record spent most of the day here Sunday doing



Capt. Stephen McLain is shown here with Gen. Richard Myers of the U.S. Air Force, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

An e-mail from Iraq

Capt. Stephen McLain, a 1989 graduate of Telstar High School and the nephew of Lin Chapman of Gilead, was recently assigned to duty in Iraq.

McLain sent the following e-mail to Lin describing his trip to Baghdad and duties there:

I left for home on 12 Nov. for Fort Bliss, the CONUS Replacement Center. I left Fort Bliss on 20 Nov. The plane made stops in Bangor and Frankfurt, Germany and finished the trip on 21 Nov in Kuwait, where I inprocessed into the combat theater.

I was issued my body armor and an additional full duffle bag of equipment. I now have 4 full duffle bags of gear and I have to drag them myself everywhere. If you have ever

watched a Vietnam movie or real clips of fresh troops getting off the plane, well that was me.

I put my name on what is called Space-A travel and had to wait for a seat to open up on a flight to Baghdad. The object is to get to Baghdad as quickly as possible because your time listed on your orders does not start to count down until you arrive in Iraq.

I was lucky to get manifested on a flight on 23 Nov; I had just come back from eating breakfast and the sergeant running the desk announced a new flight. The weather was bad that day and we were delayed at the Kuwait air strip until about 1:00 am the next morning.

We boarded a C-130 military transport and arrived in Baghdad at about 3:30 am on 24 Nov. I just happen to arrive at the same time as an Iraqi battalion was connecting to Egypt for training.

I made friends with a few Iraqi soldiers; I showed them pictures of my wife and children. They loved it.

My 179 days is complete around 22 May 2005. I can be extended up to a year.

I am assigned to the Multi-

National Corps-Iraq. It is the headquarters for a majority of the units in Iraq; it is a three star general command. There is a four star level command here that oversees us and the training of the Iraqi National Guard.

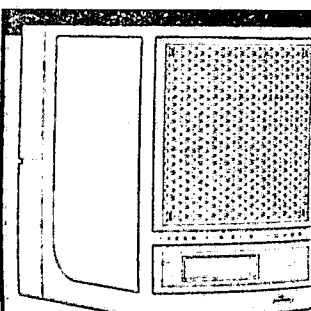
The four star level commander also works with the Iraqi Interim Government.

Additionally, I am assigned to the C-8 Section, which is the Resource Management office. We budget the funds for the everyday expenses for all the units in the field and the rebuilding of Iraq. We oversee billions of dollars.

I am in charge of the audits and the management control program. I have to make assessments of various programs within our subordinate units and identify material weaknesses if there are any.

I also have to make recommendations on any findings, which goes to the three star for a decision.

(Friends can write McLain at CPT Stephen J. McLain III, MNC-Iraq, C8 RM, Camp Victory, Iraq, APO AE 09342-1400.)



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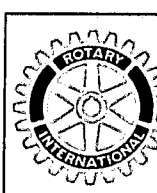
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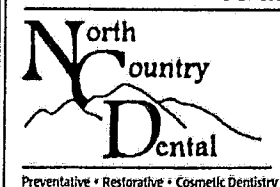
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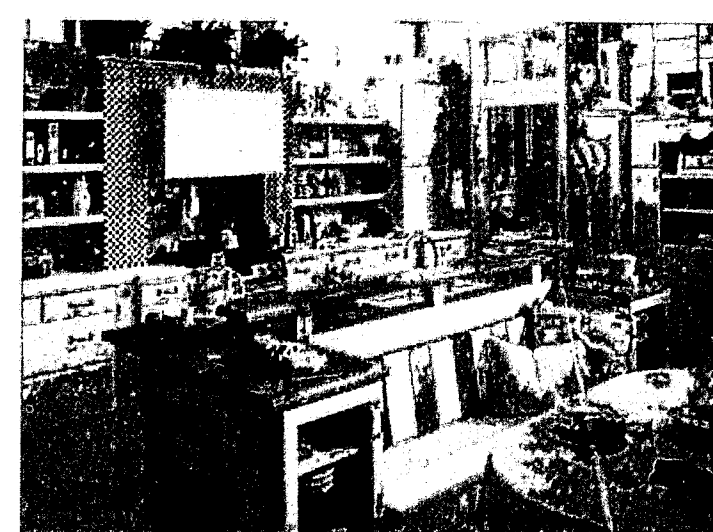
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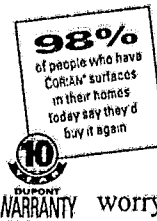
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My granddaughter, Sarah Lynch, came by on Wednesday to visit for an hour or so. She was going to her grandparents', Earl and Pat Hart's, when she left.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that at the December meeting the members enjoyed a potluck supper of hot dishes, salads and delicious desserts. Gifts and memories of past Christmases ended the evening. Thanks to President Mary Billings for her hospitality. Next month, Vern Maxfield will speak in the town hall conference room.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that my cat purrs the loudest when he's lying on the paper I'm trying to read."

Albany

by Dana & Sheila Dyke

Hello and greetings from Albany Township. Long time no write

— between false labor, work, the house and the final hospital stay, we've been out of the loop, so to speak, for Albany these past few weeks. But, the final result was worth it all — we have a beautiful baby boy, Daniel, who was born on Nov. 30. After so long without a baby in the house, it's been a bit of an adjustment getting used to having one now.

Thank you to the Albany Youth Group/Church for the goodies and gifts Holle and Fernand Corriveau brought over this past Sunday, as well as for the gift of the Christmas tree. We have been enjoying the sweets immensely, and the tree looks lovely in our front window. Thank you.

Don't forget that the Albany Youth Group meets every Friday. For more information, just give Holle and Fernand

a call; they'll be more than happy to tell you about the group and their activities. They held their Christmas Party this past Sunday at the church.

Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas. God Bless and Keep.

West Paris

by Bertha DeHaas

This week we are sending our sincere condolences to the families of

Shirley Bonney and Priscilla Currier both of West Paris who went to be with our Lord this past week.

As you all know, we had a couple of "mini" ice storms last week. Took a picture from my living room, looking toward High Street and the hill seemed to be coated with diamonds in the sunlight.

On Tuesday evening, the Ladies Group of the West Paris Baptist Church met downstairs at church for their December meeting. Beth Allen and her daughter, Johanna, brought up a collection of quilts, wall hangings and placements to show us and explain how they were made. Beth brought up a big box full of beautiful gift items for us to each draw one from the box as a gift. Thank you, Beth and Johanna, for the gifts and the wonderful demonstration. For more information on quilting and these crafts, call Beth Allen at 743-7297.

Mary Standard put on a Christmas program of Christmas songs and the Christmas Story. The group decorated two Christmas trees for shut-ins and several plates of cookies also for shut-ins.

The Agnes L. Gray School will be on Christmas vacation from Dec. 21 to Jan. 3. The teachers' workshop will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22.

The Agnes L. Gray basketball practice schedule is as fol-

lows: Mondays, grades three and four from 3:10 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, grades five and six, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, grades three and four from 3:10 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays, grades five and six, from 3:10 to 5 p.m. The basketball schedule to follow later.

The Oxford Hills Athletic Boosters are offering a cross-country ski program for grades four through six on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Sunny Crafts Farm on Paris Hill. No experience is necessary. This program runs from Jan. 9 through Feb. 13. You need to enroll by Dec. 22. The cost is \$20. For more information, please call 539-4729.

The Christmas Eve Services Dec. 24 are as follows: West Paris Mission Congregational Church at 5 p.m.; West Paris Universalist-Unitarian Church at 6 p.m.; The West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Merry Christmas to you all and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Travel safely and wisely and watch out for those drivers who drink and drive. We all need to drive defensively these days. Happy holidays and hope to see you all next week.

Greenwood City

by Rena Curtis

Here we are on the last part of December. Christmas is almost here. Hope everyone is ready for it.

Ann Holt was at Augusta to a meeting. Brad Payne got their trees for them and also one for Leonas and Fay Holt. Sally Holt of Norway came up and helped decorate along with Ann Holt. Then Sally Holt

helped Fay get her Christmas cards out. Ann Holt got their tree all decorated.

Marie and Albert Curtis went over to Hartford Saturday to Rose and Ed Henderson's place to have the Bragg family Christmas tree.

We saw a local fellow while Marie Curtis and I were shopping. He asked where we were going to eat that day. Marie told him he'd have to wait and find out this week. We ate at the same place we always do. Marie Curtis and I went over to Remy's at Bridgton today and then off to Auburn. We went and made a day of it.

We have a lot of birds lately, some I don't even know what they are.

They had their drawing for the Booster Club Saturday.

Marie Curtis received word her uncle, Horrich Ferris, passed away. Condolences go to his family all from Summer.

Fred Curtis is getting along well with his new house.

Quote for the week: "It's not the distance you travel but the direction that counts."

That's it for this time. Have a safe and happy week.

Andover

by Melinda Averill

A reminder that the town office will be closed today, (Thursday) and Friday, Dec. 23 and 24. Hours for the week of Dec. 27 are: Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 to 6 p.m.; closed Thursday and Friday. The dump will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 1.

Andrea Savitz, president of Andover Service Circle (ASC), was delighted to tell me of the success of the free annual Holiday Dinner, held Monday Dec. 6, at Andover Town Hall. The dinner, as in previous years, was open to all Andover residents over 65 years of age and the disabled and their guests. With ASC's Holiday Dinner Committee Chairperson Pat Meek directing the circle's effort, approximately 48 people dined in style on lasagna, chicken potpies and outrageously delicious desserts. But more importantly, old and new friends got together to welcome in a truly wonderful holiday season.

Congratulations to Katie Merrill of South Andover. Her drawing of the Andover Elementary School will be put on the cover of the 2004 Town Report. Katie is seven years old and in the second grade.

Congratulations, also, to Darlene and Bobby Hall, who became grandparents of triplets on Dec. 3. Their daughter, Tammy, and her husband, John, of Newburgh, N.Y., are the proud parents of three new daughters, Sydney, Nicole and Kayla. Darlene went out for the big day and needless to say she was so excited.

Buster Falkenham's granddaughter was here for a visit for a few days this past week. She came down from Canada.

Happy belated birthday to Violet Swain, my news helper.

Marge Stinson entertained 11 members of the East Andover Community Club on Dec. 13 at a Christmas potluck luncheon. Donna-Joy Gagne helped her mother hostess and then joined for 2005. Following the meal, President Bar-

bara Meisner held a meeting. A hostess list and dates were chosen: There are no meetings in January and July; Feb. 14 — K. Thew and V. Swain; March 14 — G. Allen; April 11 — V. Cuff, food auction; May 9 — B. Moore and B. Schneider, birthday month; June 13 — M. Stinson and D. Gagne; Aug. 8 — annual picnic; Sept. 12 — banquet; Oct. 10 — L. Simmons and P. Chaisson; Nov. 14 — M. Towne, food auction; Dec. 12 — B. Meisner and M. Bailey, Christmas Luncheon.

A new over-70 list was compiled. There are 41 East Andover residents on the list, with two over 70 and turning 94 in 2005. Members revealed mystery sisters for the past year with gifts and new sisters were drawn.

The club gave two local Sunday schools \$50 each for Bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thew returned home on Dec. 17 after spending several weeks visiting with their son and family in Pennsylvania and a daughter and her family in South Carolina.

They attended graduation in Georgia for their grandson, Timothy, from basic training. In January he'll be headed overseas.

Donna-Joy Gagne of Stoneham visited her mother, Marjorie Stinson, and her brother, Wayne, last week. Their brother, Perry Stinson of Germany, is here visiting over the holiday. He has a daughter in Vermont and a son in Portland that he will see before returning to Germany.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

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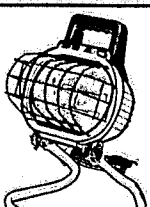
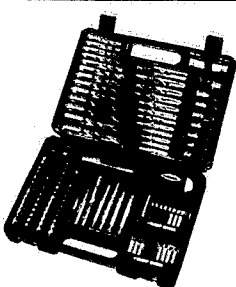
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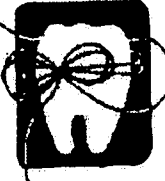
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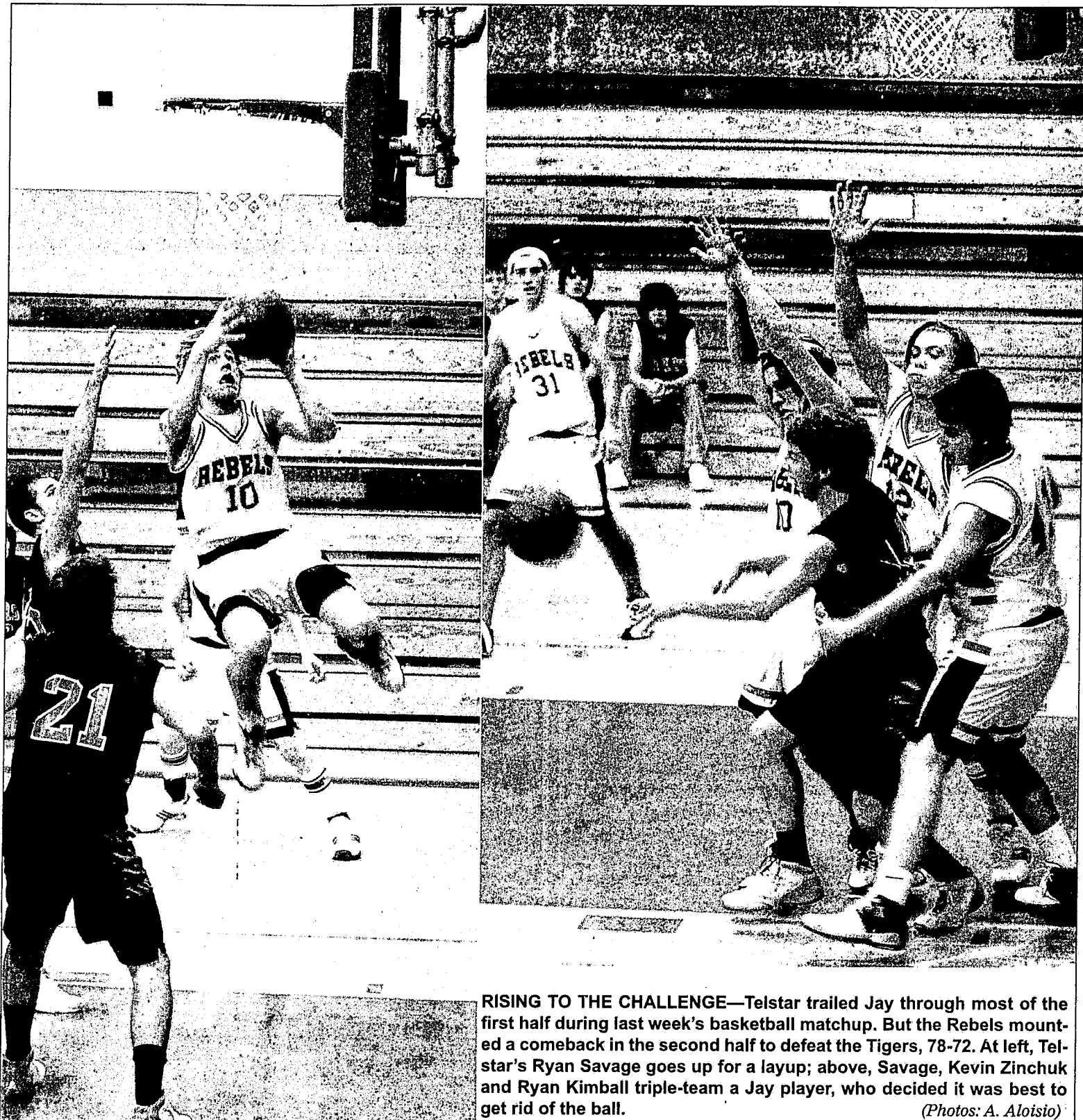
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School Sports



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE—Telstar trailed Jay through most of the first half during last week's basketball matchup. But the Rebels mounted a comeback in the second half to defeat the Tigers, 78-72. At left, Telstar's Ryan Savage goes up for a layup; above, Savage, Kevin Zinchuk and Ryan Kimball triple-team a Jay player, who decided it was best to get rid of the ball. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Hall-Dale 64, Telstar 58; Dec. 15— Telstar's Abby Wentworth scored 18 points and Bailey Davis 17 in a loss to Hall-Dale. Other scorers: Chea Davis (13); Jillian Kimball (4); Liz Rosenberg (2); Lindsay Hart (1); Josie Reiss (3). Bailey Davis had three three-pointers and Chea Davis two.

High School Girls' JV Basketball

Telstar 32, Hall-Dale 30; Dec. 15— Telstar's Josie Reiss had eight points and Megan Smith seven in a win over Hall-Dale.

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 78, Jay 72; Dec. 17— Telstar overcame an 11 point halftime lead by Jay to win in MVC action. Balanced scoring and strong pressure defense propelled Telstar during their second half comeback. Sean Caddigan had 24 points in a win over Jay. Other scorers: Josh Longway (17); Ryan Savage (13); August Reiss (13); Terry Collins (6); Kevin Zinchuk (4); Ryan Kimball (2). Caddigan had four three-pointers, Reiss two and

Savage one. "A solid win," said coach Alec Newell. "The boys battled back to beat a tough Jay team."

Telstar 4, Georges Valley 49; Dec. 20— Telstar's pressure defense and fast break wore down Georges Valley in the second half as Telstar pulled away in impressive fashion. Scorers: Sean Caddigan 20, Ryan Savage 17, August Reiss 15, Josh Longway 10, Kevin Zinchuk 6, Ryan Kimball 2, Louis Thornton 2, Matt Zinchuk 1, Max Meader 1. "The team put together a solid effort and controlled the game from the start," said coach Alec Newell. "Everyone contributed to this impressive win."

High School Boys' JV Basketball

Jay 51, Telstar 41; Dec. 16— Telstar's Louis Thornton and Max Meader had 11 and 10 points, respectively, in a loss to Jay. Other scorers: Mike Fleet (7); Charles Haines (5); Andy Whitney (3); Kevin Gallagher (3).

Hall Dale 76, Telstar 33; Dec. 13— Telstar's Kevin Gallagher had seven points and Andy Whitney and Louis Thornton six each in a loss to Hall Dale in the season opener.

Honor roll

GOULD ACADEMY

Gould Academy Director of Studies Tom Whittington has announced the honor roll for the recently completed fall trimester in school year 2004-2005. Students receiving high honors achieved an academic average of 92 or higher; those receiving honors attained an academic average of 85-91.

GRADE 12

Honors: Asher Anderson, Callan Burzynski, Curtis Daniels, Finnian Donovan, Lewis Feuer, Elizabeth Friedman, Amy Gaidis, Lauren Hall, Arseny Knyazev,

Si Woo Lee, William Marshall, Stephanie Means, Anna Merritt, Matthew O'Connor, Karl Olson, Doug Pearce, Kyle Pereira, Maleah Piazza, Hyun ho Shin, Elizabeth Slattery, Kimberly Tremblay, Timothy Whiton.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Candice Miller.

Honors: Claire Adams, William Carver, Irma Cizauskaite, Simone Crowe, Benedikt Fohrmann, Erin Forbes, Irina Haag, Kathryn Jerman, Heather Kelleher, Sung-Keum Kim, Hee Kwon

Lee, Sang Jin Lee, Sangon Lim, Luba Lowery, George Neptune, Jorie Ohlson, Charles Parsons, Julie Rhinelander, Carley Rudd, Graham Voigt, Ryan Ward, Morgan Wildermuth.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Charlotte Brink, Lauren McAllister.

Honors: Christopher Antonovics, Hillary Baribeau, Kodiak Burke, Morgan Carver, William Courtney, Hannah Cowan, Negin Dalpour, Nicole Gaidis, William Getchell, Hannah Gilman, Ji-Ho Ha, Hillary

Hough, Benjamin Koopman, Erin Murphy, Cory Pereira, Jacquelyn Reiss, Rebecca Rowe, Thomas Story, Eliza van Heerden.

GRADE NINE

High Honors: Lucien Childs-Mitchell, Sara Kerney, Jonathon Parsons.

Honors: Adam Blackwell, Amelia Brodka, Abbie Cummings, Martin Donovan, Brian Evans, Kelsey Gamble, James Gibson, Kelly Kenyon, Shannon Littlefield, Julia Marhee, Seamus Reynolds, Kathryn Wille.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 2004

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(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	WWE SmackDown!				News			Fear Factor
(32)	Jack Frost		Movie: "Prancer"				Whose?	Whose?		The 700 Club
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Joey	Will-Grace	Will & Grace		ER			News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Santa Clause"				PrimeTime Live			News
(10)	News-Lehrer		Old House	Made In	Antiques Roadshow		Chris Isaak Christmas			Charlie Rose
(22)	College Football: Fort Worth Bowl - Cincinnati vs. Marshall						College Football: Las Vegas Bowl - UCLA vs. Wyoming			
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Movie: "The Godfather, Part II"					
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	NCIS		CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace			News
(41)	Tailgate	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period			Sports List	Sports	Sports		Best Damn Sports Show
(15)	"White Oleander" Cont'd		Inside the NFL		Movie: "Bull Durham"				Real Sex	Real Sex
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas		So Raven		Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World
(18)	Bad Boys II	Movie: "Die Hard With a Vengeance"					Movie: "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!"			
(20)	2004 Red Sox Hall of Fame Dinner				NESN Retro		SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Miss Lettie and Me"				Movie: "Holiday in Your Heart"				The Nanny	Golden
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Movie: "The American President"			
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Rocket	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	Movie: "Hooper" Cont'd		Movie: "Smokey and the Bandit"				Movie: "Smokey and the Bandit II"			
(26)	12 Days of Chr		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				Law Order: CI	
(27)	American Justice		Cold Case Files				The First 48		Crossing Jordan	
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "A Different Kind of Christmas"				WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Best Man"				News			Fear Factor
(32)	Frosty's	"Twas Night	Santa Is Coming to Town		Without Santa		Rudolph's-New Year			The 700 Club
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Movie: "A Christmas Carol: The Musical"				Law Order: CI			News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funniest Home Videos		Movie: "I'll Be Home for Christmas"					News
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Treasures	Christmas-Choir		Marvin Hamlish's		Wall	Orphan
(22)	College Football: Sheraton Hawaii Bowl - Hawaii vs. Alabama-Birmingham						SportsCenter			Outside
(34)	Movie: "You Only Live Twice" Cont'd				Movie: "Diamonds Are Forever"					
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Joan of Arcadia		JAG		48 Hours Mystery			News
(41)	Tailgate	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period			Sports List	Sports	Sports		Best Damn Sports Show
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Love Actually"						Movie: "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "'Twas the Night"				Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Braceface	Boy World
(18)	The Matrix	Movie: "The Matrix Reloaded"					Movie: "The Matrix Revolutions"			
(20)	Charlie Moore Christmas Marathon Cont'd						ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Eve's Christmas"				Movie: "On the 2nd Day of Christmas"				"Comfort and Joy"	
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Movie: "A Christmas Story"				Movie: "A Christmas Story"			
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	Rugrats		SpongeBob	Oddparents	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby
(25)	"Miracle on 34th Street"				Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"					
(26)	"Bring It On" Cont'd		Movie: "Bring It On Again"				Movie: "Coyote Ugly"			
(27)	American Justice		Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline		Airline UK	Airline UK
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Hollywood Christmas Parade				WGN News at Nine		Nutcracker	
(39)	CNN Presents		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Movie: "White Christmas"					News	Red Sox		Star Trek: Enterprise
(32)	"Three Days" Cont'd		Movie: "The Christmas List"				Movie: "Scrooged"			
(6)	Maine	Seinfeld	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"						News	Sat. Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Sound of Music"							
(10)	Made In	Maine	Christmas		Great Performances		Orphan	Red Green		Red Green
(22)	Figure Skating		SportsCtr.		NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Tennessee Titans					SportsCtr.
(34)	"Licence to Kill" Cont'd		Movie: "The World Is Not Enough"						WWE Velocity	
(13)	NFL Football		Movie: "My Dog Skip"				48 Hours Mystery		News	Ent. Tonight
(41)	Beyond the Glory		Beyond the Glory		Beyond the Glory		I, Max	Sports List	Championship Poker	
(15)	"The In-Laws" Cont'd		Movie: "Welcome to Mooseport"						Movie: "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers"	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	"The Ultimate Christmas Present"		Phil		Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Braceface	Boy World
(18)	"Stuck on You" Cont'd		Movie: "Patriot Games"				Movie: "You Got Served"			
(20)	ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Mistaken Identity"				Movie: "Identity Theft: The Michelle Brown Story"				Homeless to Harvard	
(5)	"A Christmas Story"		Movie: "Home Alone"				Movie: "Saving Silverman"			
(24)	Grown Up	SpongeBob	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Full House	Full House	Full House	Cosby
(25)	Movie: "Joe Kidd" Cont'd		Movie: "Winchester '73"				Movie: "Bend of the River"			
(26)	Movie: "Big Daddy"				Movie: "Liar Liar"				All About the Benjamins	
(27)	City Confidential		Movie: "Scent of a Woman"						Gotti	Gotti
(12)	Nutcracker		Movie: "Home Alone"				WGN News	Alaska	Becker	Christmas
(39)	The Capital Gang		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		CNN Presents	

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Patriots 5th Quarter		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		News	Red Sox		Walker, Texas Ranger
(32)	"She's Out of Control"		Movie: "Hook"						Whose?	Whose?
(6)	Dateline NBC				Law Order: CI		Crossing Jordan		News	Seinfeld
(8)	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition				Desperate Housewives		News	Practice
(10)	Nature		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre				To Contrary	Religion
(22)	SportsCtr.		NFL Primetime		NFL Football: Cleveland Browns at Miami Dolphins				SportsCtr.	
(34)	WWE Sunday Night Heat		Movie: "Thunderball"						Movie: "You Only Live Twice"	
(13)	60 Minutes		Cold Case		Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"				News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs				Red		Sports List	FSN Amer		Beyond the Glory
(15)	"Daredevil" Cont'd		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos	
(17)	Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Mary Poppins"				Lizzie	Phil	Braceface	Boy World
(18)	Movie: "Matchstick Men" Cont'd				Movie: "National Security"				Movie: "Broken Lizard's Club Dread"	
(20)	PGA	Port 'O Call	NE Journal		The Ride		Outdoors	Outdoors	SportsDesk	PGA
(44)	Movie: "Gracie's Choice"				Movie: "Plain Truth"				Providence	
(5)	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Miss Congeniality"				Movie: "Miss Congeniality"			
(24)	Drake	School	Unfabulous		Rugrats		Full House	Full House	Family Faceoff	Roseanne
(25)	Tammy-Milfin.		Movie: "Tammy and the Bachelor"				Movie: "Tammy Tell Me True"			
(26)	Movie: "She's All That"				Movie: "The First Wives Club"				Law & Order: SVU	
(27)	Cold Case Files		Movie: "Monster's Ball"						CSI: Miami	
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Rocky II"				WGN News	Replay	Maximum Exposure	
(39)	People in the News		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night		CNN Presents	

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	One	Half & Half	Girlfriends	Second	News			Fear Factor
(32)	Smallville		Movie: "Rookie of the Year"				Whose?	Whose?		The 700 Club
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Crossing Jordan		Las Vegas			News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Blunder World of Sports		NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at St. Louis Rams					
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience		Love Story		Charlie Rose	
(22)	College Football: Motor City Bowl				Figure Skating: Grand Prix Final					
(34)	Movie: "The World Is Not Enough" Cont'd				WWE Raw				The World Is Not Enough	
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Still		Listen Up		Raymond	Two Men	CSI: Miami	News
(41)	Sports	Football	Championship Poker		Best Damn Sports Show		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"Bend It Like Beckham"		The Sopranos				The Sopranos			Carnivale
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "The Princess Diaries"				Movie: "The Princess Diaries"			
(18)	Movie: "Grind" Cont'd		Movie: "You Got Served"		Gooseys		Movie: "The Order"			
(20)	Divers	Camo Cnt	NE Journal		The Ride		Outdoors	Outdoors	SportsDesk	ESPNNews
(44)	Movie: "Lying Eyes"				Movie: "No Regrets"				How Clean	How Clean
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends		Friends		Family Guy	Family Guy	Raymond	Raymond
(24)	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		Neutron		Family Faceoff		Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	Movie: "Serpico" Cont'd		Movie: "Unlawful Entry"				Movie: "Boiling Point"			
(26)	"Head Over Heels"		Law & Order: SVU		Movie: "Mercury Rising"					Event
(27)	American Justice		Airline		Airline		Gotti	Gotti	Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "The Long Walk Home"				WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

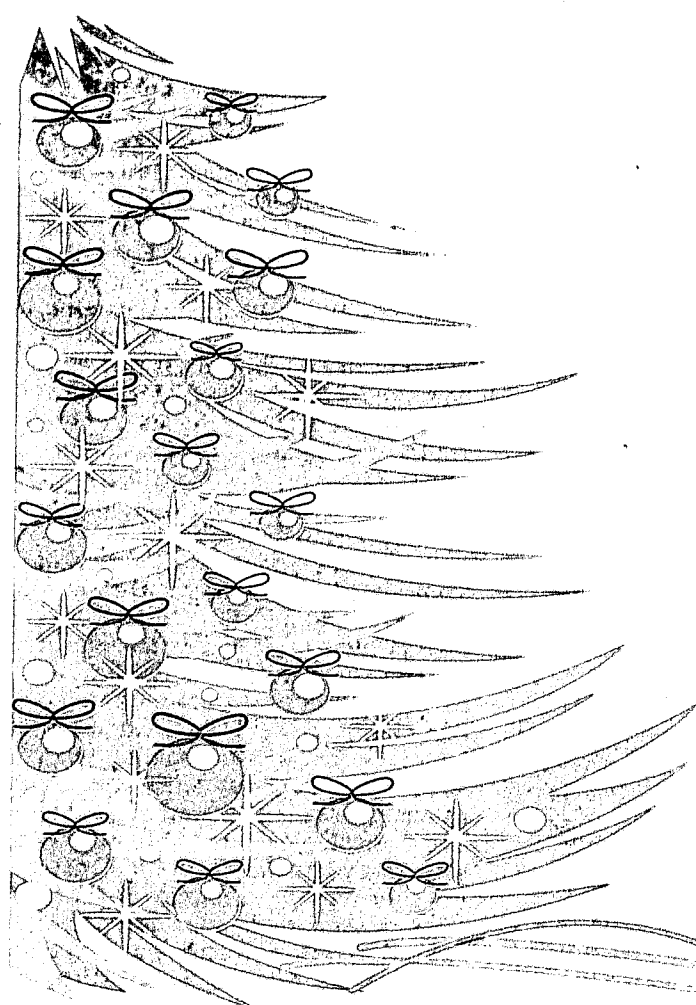
TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	All of Us		Eve		Veronica Mars		News	Fear Factor
(32)	Smallville		Movie: "One Fine Day"				Whose?	Whose?		The 700 Club
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Father		Father		Father	Scrubs	Law & Order: SVU	News
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife		Lopez		Jim	Rodney	20/20 Special Edition	News
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova		Frontline				Perilous Fight: America's	Independent Lens
(22)	College Football: Independence Bowl - Iowa State vs. Miami-Ohio				College Football: Insight Bowl - Notre Dame vs. Oregon State					
(34)	Movie: "Octopussy" Cont'd				Movie: "A View to a Kill"					
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	NCIS				The Amazing Race 6		Judging Amy	News
(41)	Sports	Football	Sports		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks				Sports	
(15)	"Welcome to Mooseport"		The Sopranos				The Sopranos		Real Sports	Carnivale
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "Model Behavior"				Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Cradle 2 the Grave"		Movie: "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!"				Movie: "Runaway Jury"			
(20)	Classic Bruins				NESN Retro		SportsDesk	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Forever Love"				Movie: "An Unfinished Affair"				The Nanny	Golden
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends		Friends		Sex & City	Sex & City	Movie: "Men in Black"	
(24)	Movie: "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius"				Fatherhood	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	Movie: "Hatanli" Cont'd		Movie: "The Sea Chase"				Movie: "In Ham's Way"			
(26)	"Jeepers Creepers"		Law & Order: SVU		Movie: "The First Wives Club"				Law & Order: SVU	
(27)	American Justice		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files		Dog	Dog	Crossing Jordan	
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Becker		NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Chicago Bulls				WGN News	Becker
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 29, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	2004 Vibe Awards				News		Fear Factor		
(32)	Smallville	Movie: "National Lampoon's European Vacation"				Whose?		Whose?	The 700 Club		
6	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Law Order: CI		The West Wing		Law & Order		News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lost		Lost		Wife Swap		News		
10	News-Lehrer		Live From Lincoln Center				The Congregation			Rose	
(22)	College Football		College Football: MasterCard Alamo Bowl - Ohio State vs. Oklahoma State								SportsCtr.
(34)	Movie: "You Only Live Twice" Cont'd				Movie: "The World Is Not Enough"						
13	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	60 Minutes		King	Center-Univ CSI: NY			News		
(41)	Sports	Sports	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Memphis Grizzlies					Sports	Sports		
(15)	"Chasing Liberty" Cont'd		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		Inside the NFL		Camivale		
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "Cadet Kelly"		Lizzie		Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World		
(18)	"Sniper 2"	Movie: "Bad Boys II"				Movie: "You Got Served"					
(20)	Classic Bruins				NESN Retro		SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews		
(44)	Movie: "A Crime of Passion"				Movie: "Don't Look Down"				The Nanny	Golden	
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Commercials		Sex & City	Sex & City	Movie: "Showgirls"		
(24)	Movie: "The Rugrats Movie"				Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25)	Jaws-Rev.	Movie: "Major League"				FilmFakers			Movie: "Major League"		
(26)	Movie: "Loser" Cont'd		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		
(27)	American Justice		American Justice		Road Warriors		Biography		Crossing Jordan		
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Deathtrap"				WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker	
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now			Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight		

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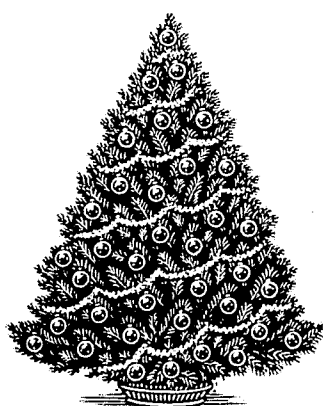


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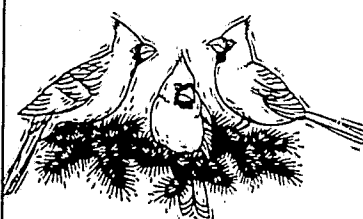
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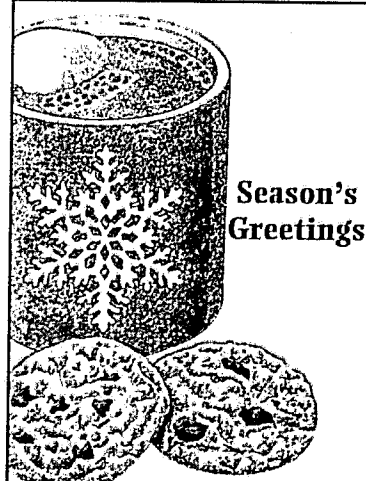
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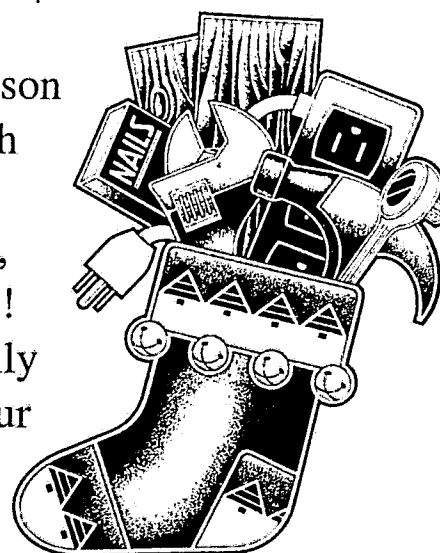
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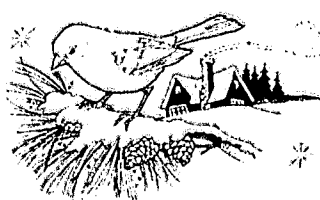
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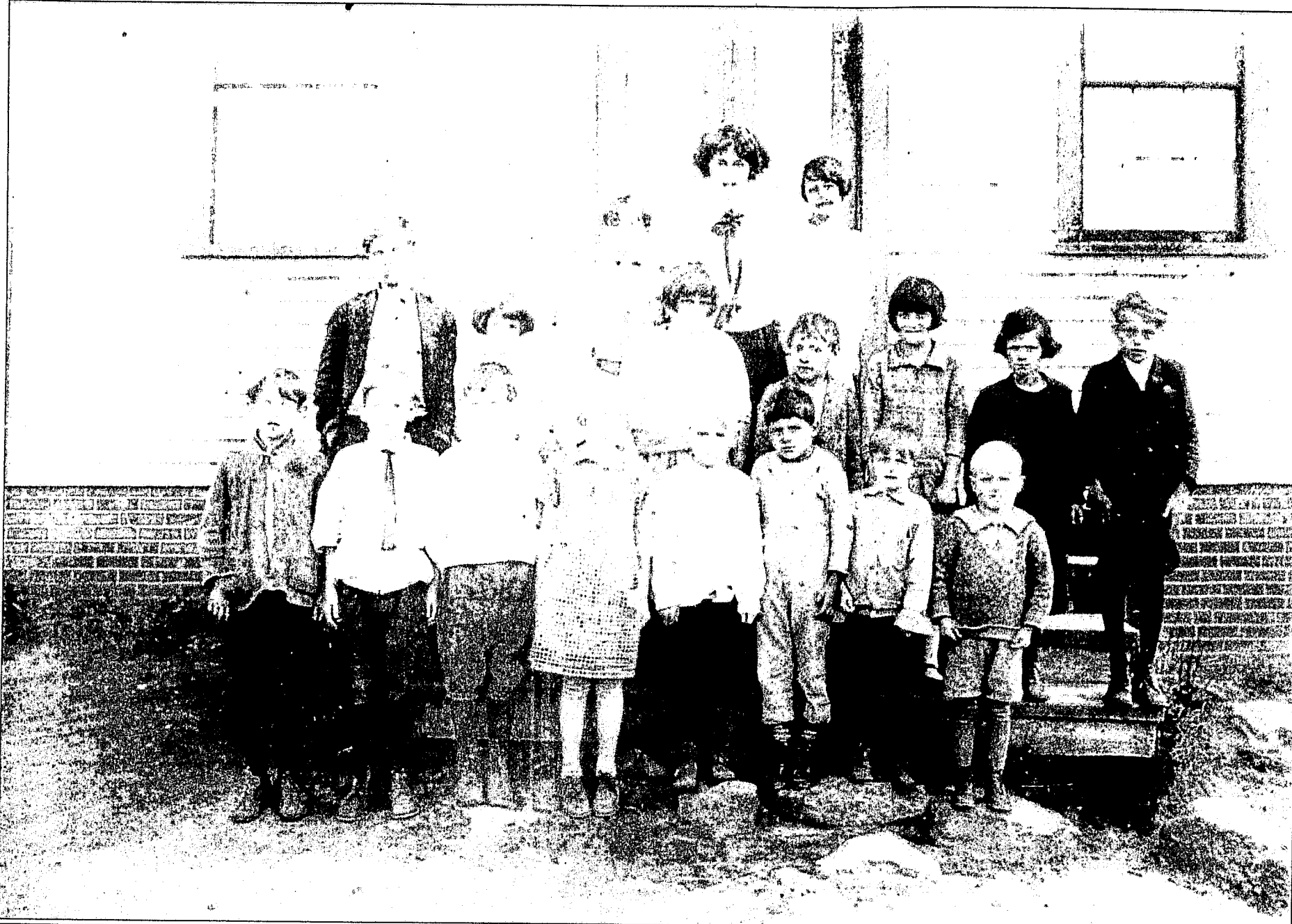
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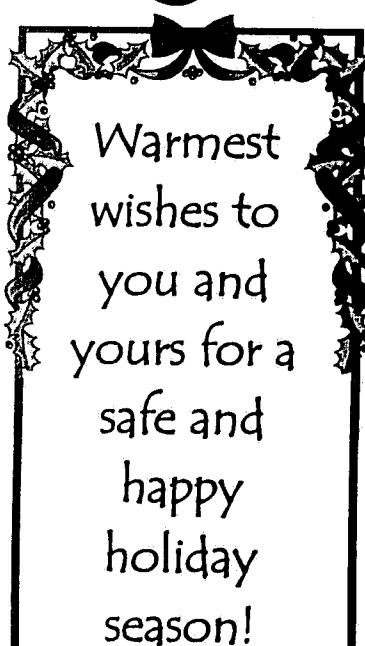


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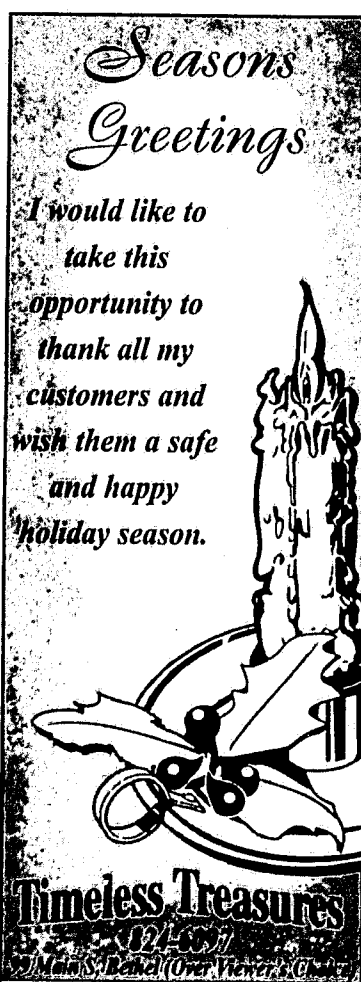


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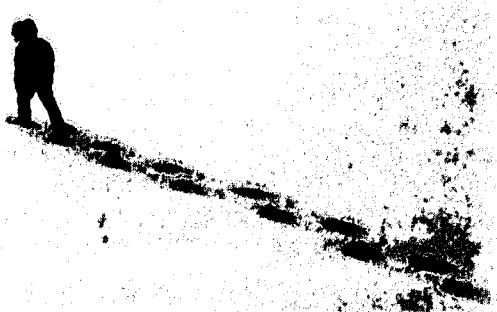


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a society sponsor. Those wishing to learn more about membership or volunteer opportunities are encouraged to call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

The Bethel Historical Society's Museum Shop will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. until Christmas. The shop contains a wide variety of gift possibilities ranging from local history books, period games, x-stitch kits, glass paper weights, paintings by local artists, historical videos and much more.

Tickets for the 7th annual New Year's Bethel are available at the following places: Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products (Locke Mills), and the Newry Town Office. Advance tickets are \$10 adults and \$8 children (ages 6 to 18). At the door, they will be \$12 adults and \$10 children. The venues include Michael Cooper (visual artist and mime), Maine humorist Norbert Twichell, Ti'Acadie (contra dance band), the Hobo-hemians (traditional music from bluegrass fiddle tunes to contemporary), and the State Street Traditional Jazz Band. In addition, there will be a vespers service, children's crafts, dragon parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, food court, bonfire with marshmallows, fireworks and community bell

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Sponsors for this family and community event are still being sought from businesses and individuals. For further information on making a tax-deductible donation for this special time, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

The society's 2004 Annual Fund Campaign passed the \$21,000 level with a record number of donors. Among the latest contributors are: Joan S. Goodhew, Atlanta, Ga.; Betty R. Prescott, Bangor; Charles Mason Smith, M.D., York Beach, in memory of Clare Mason Smith; Sally and Dick Taylor, Bethel; Robert Frederickson, Alpharetta, Ga.; Scott Cole, Bethel; Alden and Mabel Kennett, Bethel; Joann Mooney, London, UK; George and Mary Stowell, Falmouth; Geneva McCoy, Gilthead, in memory of Samuel F. McCoy; Kevin O'Reilly and Nancy Eaton, West Bethel; Marlene and Lawrence Engdahl, Bethel; H. Merrill Luthé, Portland, in memory of Jane Luthé; Nancie Coan, Washington, DC, in memory of Beckie Bailey; Bruce and Shirley Powell, Hanover; Richard and Sue Angevine, Upton; Gwyneth and Ken Bohr, Bethel; Robert Barker Frederickson, Baldwin, Mo., in memory of Eleanor Noyes Johnson; Colwyn and Judy Haskell, Bethel; Marvin and Tineke

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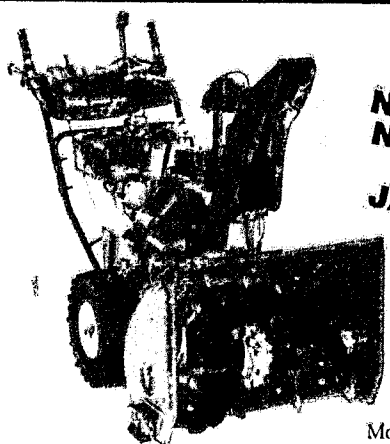
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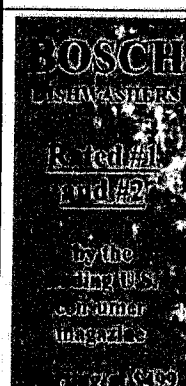
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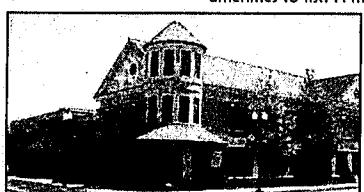
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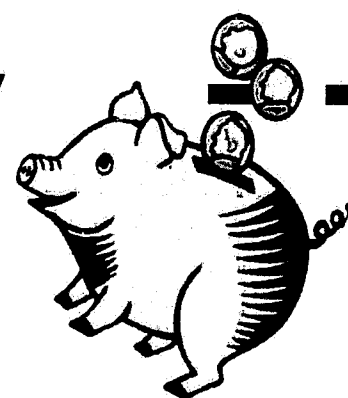
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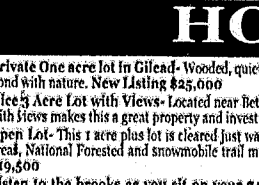
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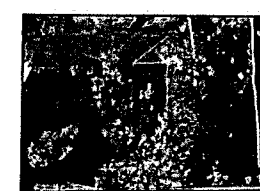
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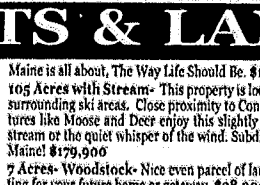
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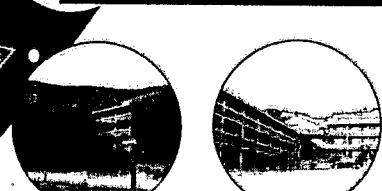
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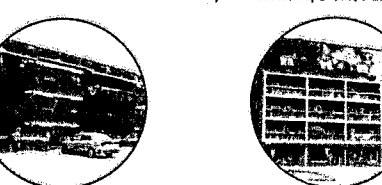
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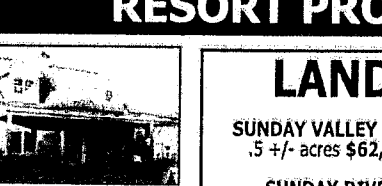
SLOPESIDE CONDOMINIUMS



CASCADES
Studio \$70,000



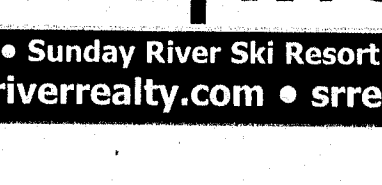
WHITE CAP
A-406 1 Bdrm/1 Bath \$102,900
B-316 1 Bdrm/1 Bath \$102,900



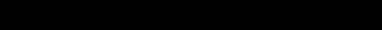
MERRILL BROOK
I-D 1 Bdrm/1 Bath w/p \$184,000
III-G 2 Bdrm/1 Bath PENDING



SOUTH RIDGE
E-6 3 Bdrm/2 Bath \$399,000
F-6 3 Bdrm/1.5 Bath \$359,000



RESORT PROPERTY



LAND

SUNDAY VALLEY ROAD
.5 +/- acres \$62,000

SUNDAY RIVER GOLF CLUB LOTS
#7 1.14 +/- acres \$250,000
#9 1 +/- acre \$295,000

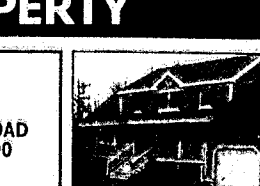
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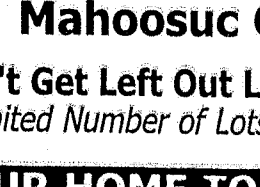
LOCKE MOUNTAIN
C-4 5 Bdrm/4 Bath PENDING
E-2 5 Bdrm/3.5 Bath \$609,000



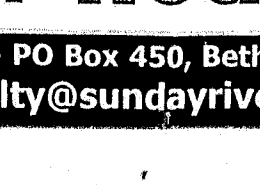
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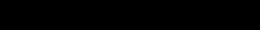
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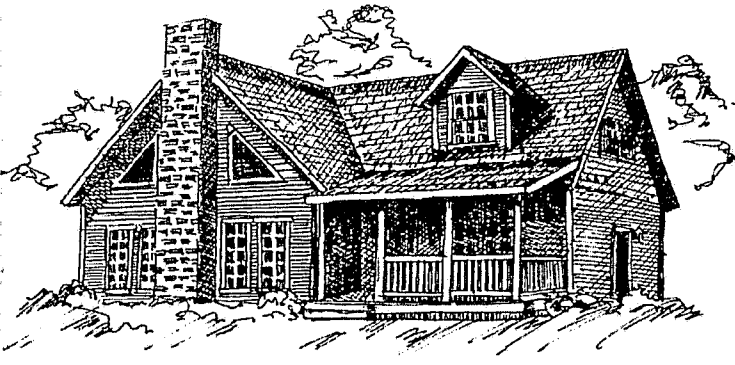
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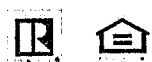
Looking for that piece of splendid isolation? Sometimes we just need to get away from it all! One of the greatest advantages of a vacation home is that while it may have an edge of familiarity to it, not being there every day makes each visit a new experience. It offers an opportunity to drop out and shed the day-to-day routine. Also, a vacation home not only brings you enjoyment, but it can be a good investment with tax benefits as well!

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West Bethel Road: 3 bedroom home, first floor laundry, pined living area, bright sunny kitchen. Great back yard with views. \$65,000



West Bethel Road: Cozy 1 bedroom home, open living area, interior is nicely finished wood, back deck with meadow and mountain views. 1.5 miles from Bethel Village. \$45,000



Convenient to Rumford, Paris and Bethel, this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has room for your family. Lovely pine interior with stone hearth, deck, views and wonderful sun exposure are some of the details of this well-built property. Room for a garage under. \$144,900



Farmhouse on Songo Pond Rd. 3 bedroom, 1 and 3/4 baths, lg. kitchen, large barn with storage area, space for gardens, many updates completed, and public water and sewer. Home is within walking distance to town center also has golf course views. \$177,000

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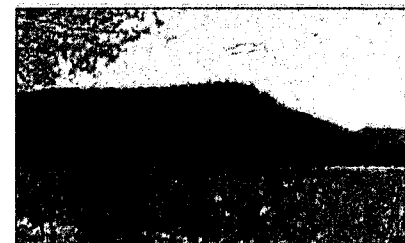
- 2 Bdrm mobile, \$450 plus utilities
- 2 Bdrm home \$625 plus utilities
- 2 Bdrm on waterfront \$750 with heat



Willowbrook Farm: 2 miles south of Bethel: tastefully restored, wide pine floors, spacious living areas, charming and inviting kitchen, easy access to ski areas, elevated walking trail, convenient to schools, shopping, area events. \$159,000



Albany, Hunt's Corner Road, Great 3.7 acre lots, mountain views may be achieved with tree thinning in the back of property. Hand milled timbers are prevalent throughout the house. 3 bedrooms, fieldstone hearth, wood stove hook up, wonderful stone wall and privacy is an added plus. \$159,900



North Pond, Woodstock: 2 bedroom mobile home with 120 feet of water frontage. Home is in immaculate condition, well maintained, also near ski resorts. \$153,900

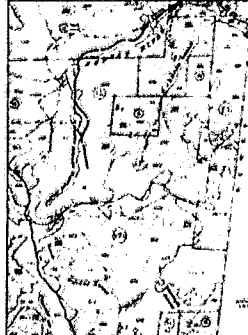


One week time share week #7 at the Bethel Inn. Unit is right off the golf course and close to the heated outdoor pool, exercise room, and sauna. Short drive to either Sunday River or Mt. Abram. Being in the village of Bethel there is a variety of restaurants to choose from and entertainment. Offered @ \$15,500

Whites Brook Estates North Road - Gilead

Lot 1	10.31 acres	\$89,900
Lot 2	11.12 acres	\$89,900
Lot 3	11.55 acres	\$89,900
Lot 4	11.11 acres	\$89,900
Lot 5	10.81 acres	\$89,900
Lot 7	7.75 acres	\$89,900
Lot 8	5.93 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 9	5.00 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 10	5.01 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 12	8.47 Acres	\$159,900
Lot 13	6.79 Acres	\$119,900

140+/- Acres	Abutting the NEW Sunday River Golf course.	
3.38 +/- acres	Albany	\$28,500
8+/- acres	Great lot with lower Albany taxes	\$110,000
2+/- Acres	Bethel, Rt. 2, Walking distance to village, 10 miles to Sunday River Ski Resort	\$35,000
2+/- Acres	Andover	
11 +/- Acres	Frontage on Gardner Brook	
8+/- acres	Bethel	
20 +/- Acres	Robinson Hill Route # 2	\$59,900
	Rt. 26 Walker Mills Road	\$65,000
	Albany	
	Lange Rd/off Vernon St	



Potential Development Property, near Sunday River Golf Course, everything you expect from mountain acreage, views, brook, wildlife, wooded, and unorganized taxes. Call for details.

14+/- Acres	Albany	\$27,000
14+/- Acres	French Hill Rd.	\$27,000
11+/- Acres	French Hill Rd.	\$24,900
57+/- Acres	Albany	\$164,000
30 +/- Acres	French Hill Rd	\$159,900
7.1+/- Acres	Flat Road	
10.5+/- Acres	West Bethel	
	development potential	
	Albany	
	development potential	
	Albany	
	Land on both sides of brook	

Farwell Mountain Estates Intervale Road, Bethel

Lot 1	2.26 Acres	PENDING
Lot 2	1.18 Acres	\$104,900
Lot 3	3.66 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 4	2.20 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 5	2.25 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 6	2.14 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 7	2.05 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 8	1.98 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 9	1.96 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 10	1.57 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 11	1.96 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 12	1.81 Acres	\$89,900
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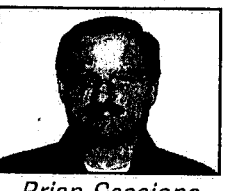
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Lot # 1 \$89,000 Lot # 5 \$45,000
Lot # 6 \$42,000 Lot # 7 \$48,000
Lot # 8 \$44,000 Lot # 9 \$46,000
Lot # 10 \$53,000

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UNDER CONTRACT!

129 PARADISE RD, BETHEL \$399,000

- 5 Oversized Bedrooms / 3 1/2 Baths
- Custom Black Walnut Cabinets
- Hardwood Floors Throughout
- 2 Car Garage and Gardeners Shed
- Fireplace / Screened Porch

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WEST BETHEL RD, WEST BETHEL \$89,000

- 6 Bedroom / 1 Bath
- Nice Backyard
- Enclosed Front Porch
- Large Barn
- Circa 1850

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SOLD!

150 BAILEY RD, BETHEL \$229,000

- 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath
- 1 1/2 Acre Property
- New Construction
- Private Setting
- Countryside w/Farmers Porch

Contact: CHERI THURSTON

MAYVILLE ROAD, BETHEL \$249,000

- 4 +/- Acres
- Located on Route 2
- Commercial Potential
- 2 Miles from Sunday River Road
- Town Water

Contact: MARGIE FINLEY

Wheeler Acres Subdivision

- 3 Miles from Bethel Village
- Nicely Planned Subdivision
- Large Lots on Dead End Road

Lot 13: 5 +/- Acres \$55,000
Lot 2: 12.7 +/- Acres \$79,500
Lot 4: 12.1 +/- Acres \$79,500

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POWDER RIDGE

Minutes to Sunday River Ski Resort
Views of Sunday River
Five Minutes to Sunday River Golf Club

Lot # 25: 3.5 +/- Acres \$239,000
Lot # 35: 1.6 +/- Acres \$79,000
Lot # 47: 2 +/- Acres \$75,000

Contact: JULIA YOUNG

Lot # 14: 2.97 +/- Acres \$75,000

Contact: CHERI THURSTON

3102 MAIN ST, HANOVER \$249,900

- 6 Bedroom/2 Baths
- 7 Miles to Sunday River Ski Resort
- Hardwood Floors
- 4 +/- Acres
- Circa 1880 Farmhouse

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3 CONFORTI COURT, BETHEL \$349,000

- 3 Bedroom / 3 Bath
- Open Floor Plan w/Cathedral Ceiling
- Hardwood Floors
- Mountain Views min from Sunday River
- Stone Fireplace

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20 BELL LANE, GREENWOOD \$189,000

- 3 Bedroom/2 1/2 Baths
- Cathedral Ceilings
- Open Floor Plan
- 9.25 +/- Acres
- 2 Car Garage

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OPEN HOUSE

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Coombs Village Sunday River

LAND

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SUNDAY RIVER ROAD - NEWRY
13.7 +/- Acres \$325,000

HOWE HILL ROAD - GREENWOOD
1.58 +/- Acres \$39,900

BOBBY TOWN ROAD - ANDOVER
88 +/- Acres \$132,000

SALINAS DRIVE #1 - NORWAY
1.6 +/- Acres Lot \$29,900

ROUTE 2 - HANOVER
7 +/- Waterfront Acres \$94,500

MANKO RD - ALBANY
2 - 7.1 +/- Acres Lots \$39,900

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MAYVILLE RD, RT2 - BETHEL
4 +/- Acres Lot \$249,000

BEECH RIDGE LANE - WEST PARIS
5.2 +/- Acres \$35,000

Contact: JULIA YOUNG

ROCKY RD, WOODSTOCK
4.5 +/- Acres \$49,900

Contact: CHERI THURSTON

TYLER ST, BETHEL
2.11 +/- Acres \$129,000

CHURCH ST, WOODSTOCK
50 +/- Acres \$149,000

GROVER HILL SUBDIVISION, BETHEL \$239,900

- 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath
- 1.3 +/- Acres
- Wrap Around Deck
- 1 1/2 Miles to Bethel Inn & Country Club
- Close to Sunday River Ski Resort

Contact: BRIAN SESSIONS

BEECH RD, GREENWOOD \$169,000

- 3 Bedroom / 1 1/2 Bath
- Wrap Around Deck
- Fieldstone Fireplace
- Private Setting
- Woodstove

Contact: CHERI THURSTON

POWDER RIDGE #25, NEWRY \$239,000

- Premier Building Site at Sunday River
- 3.5 +/- Acre Mountain Property
- Set at the Highest Point of Powder Ridge
- Stunning Views
- View all 8 Peaks

Contact: JULIA YOUNG

24 GATES, WEST PARIS \$209,000

- 4 Bedroom / 1 Full Bath, 2 - 3/4 Baths
- 12 +/- Acres
- In-Law Quarters
- Large Barn
- Quiet, Dead-End Road

Contact: BRIAN SESSIONS

BAILEY RD, BETHEL \$650,000

- 4 Bedroom / 2 Bath
- 18 +/- Acres w/ Stunning Views
- Open Floor Plan
- Terraced Yard
- Award Winning Guest House

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POWDER RIDGE #14, NEWRY \$75,000

- 2.97 +/- Acre Mountain Property
- Paved Road
- Power at Street
- Views of White Cap Sunday River
- Minutes from Sunday River Resorts

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49 MANSION STREET, NEWRY \$799,000

- 5 Bedrooms/3 Baths
- 4.2 +/- Acre Lot w/pond
- Redesigned and Completely Renovated
- Dramatic Sunday River Views
- Mountain Views from Every Angle

Contact: JULIA YOUNG

POWDER RIDGE #28, NEWRY \$120,000

- 2.03 +/- Acre Mountain Property
- Paved Road
- Power at Street
- Dramatic Valley Views
- Minutes from Sunday River Resorts

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NEW LISTING!

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Mt. Abram Skiway, Greenwood: Brand new log-sided cape, just completed! Views of Mt. Abram, 3BRs, 2 full baths, fireplace, sunny natural pine interior and fully equipped with 800 sq. ft. of expansion possibilities in the walkout basement. Within walking distance to Mt. Abram's slopes and close to beaches, boating, golf & everything Bethel has to offer. All this on one full secluded and peaceful acre. You must make an appt. to see this beautiful, gleaming log home! \$249,900



Harbor Rd, Woodstock: 3BR cape w/att. 2 car garage sits on 2 acres off of a quiet road. Inside there's extensive use of tile, a country kitchen, separate sunny dining room, beautiful stone fireplace, 1st floor laundry rm. & lots of custom built-ins. Outside there's a paved basketball court, sm. detached barn & lots of level land for livestock. Ideal spot to raise a family, just minutes to West Paris or Bethel. **NEWLY REDUCED TO \$139,900!**



GREENWOOD ST, WEST PARIS: True New England 3BR white rambling farmhouse w/att'd 2-story barn & insulated heated 2-car garage. Quaint country kitchen, gleaming wood floors, separate dining room, new roofing & many, many other updates make this a true value. Relax on the back screened porch with views and sounds of the bordering river! \$159,900



East Bethel Rd, Greenwood: This cape with double dormers is located right on the Greenwood/Bethel town line and has 5BRs and 2 Baths. Plenty of room for a ski crowd or growing family and convenient to Bethel, Mt. Abram and Sunday River. Within walking distance to church, the post office, the town store, and the lake & boat launch. Nice backyard & location make it worth a look. **REDUCED TO \$94,900**



Norway Lake, Norway: 4.5 acres of the best waterfront land in Oxford County! Completely renovated two-story house sits on 1500' of spectacular, wide lake frontage with fantastic views! This 2 BR home with garage has new paint, flooring, plumbing fixtures, upgraded electrical, new asphalt driveway and much, much more. Take a swim at your own private beach, launch your boat from the dock or just sit on the deck and listen to the beautiful songs of the loon! This is exclusive property, so call today as tomorrow may be too late! \$439,000



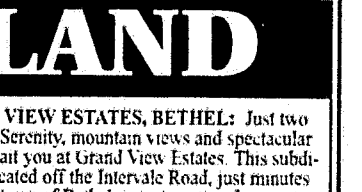
Whisper Hill Rd, Bryant Pond: 33 beautiful acres with mountain and lake views and at the end of the private driveway, a uniquely designed, spacious & creative two-unit house. Two kitchens, 2LRS, 5BRs, 2 baths, fireplace, slate floors, 3 lots, lots of glass and a breathtaking view from the balcony. Secluded yet close to all town facilities, conveniently located between Lake Christopher & Sunday River Ski Resort. This is a "must see" property. **JUST REDUCED TO \$249,900**



Bird Hill, Bethel: Enjoy views of the mountains as you sit on the balcony of this 3BR contemporary. This would be a perfect ski house as it's close to Mt. Abram and Sunday River Ski Areas, or it would make a wonderful year-round dwelling. Paved driveway and a wooded lot results in very little outdoor maintenance-make an appt. to see this one! \$149,900



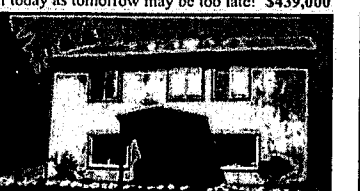
End of Howe Hill, Greenwood: You won't find a cozier, true Maine log cabin than this one! Hewn beams, cathedral ceiling, 6x6 log exterior & interior, and pine ceilings. 1BR, 1 1/2 baths, office & space downstairs could easily be made into 2nd BR. Sliders lead to a deck overlooking an acre on the dead-end of the Mt. Abram Ski Lodge road! Fabulous location & house for year-round or vacation home. **JUST REDUCED TO \$129,900**



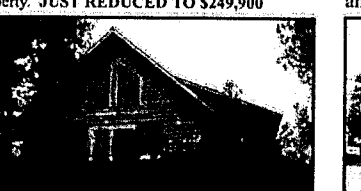
Main St, Dixfield: Well maintained historic white colonial home with 4BRs and detached 2 car garage on a beautiful town lot. Gorgeous wooden floors, new windows, 2 fireplaces, claw-foot tub and a separate summer guest house are just a few of the things that make this one worth a look. Come sit on the stately columned front porch & visualize this as your new home! \$149,900



Rte. 26/Main St, Bryant Pond: With its 50-seat restaurant septic system & unlimited parking on 2 acres, this amazing dome structure just needs a little TLC to return it to any successful business venture of your dreams. Location is prime w/ plenty of site distance on busy Rte. 26 & it even has residential home potential! Come look at the unique circular-beamed ceiling in the downstairs bar and the round open spaces w/fantastic 2-level min. views & start planning. \$159,000



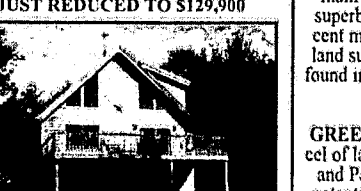
East Bethel Rd, Bethel: Brand new 3 BR log house in a brand new subdivision with time left to pick out all your colors! Lots of glass, natural pine walls and plans for a large deck with log railings. Potential for expansion, walk-out basement and location is convenient to both ski areas! Very affordable at \$199,900



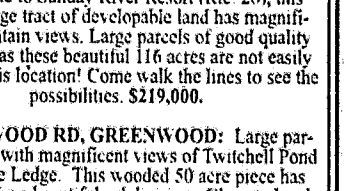
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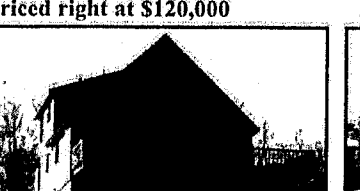
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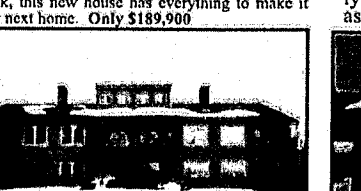
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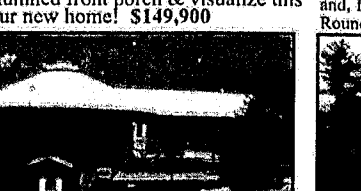
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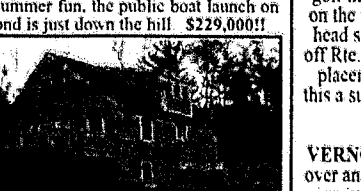
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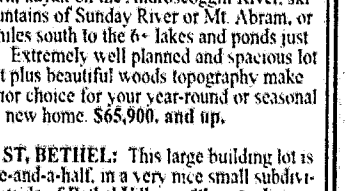
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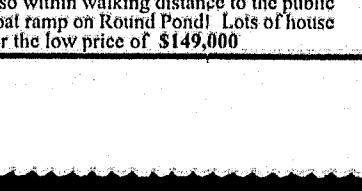
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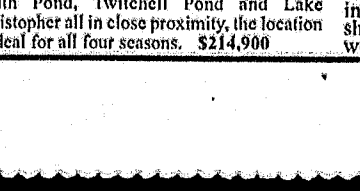
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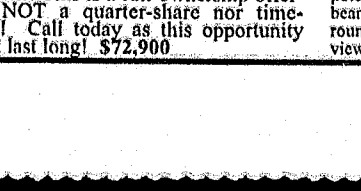
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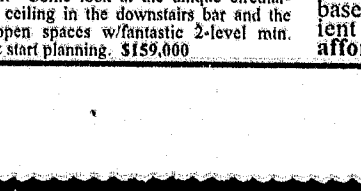
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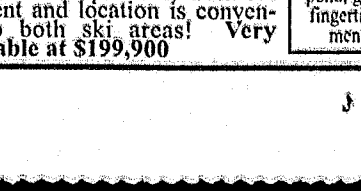
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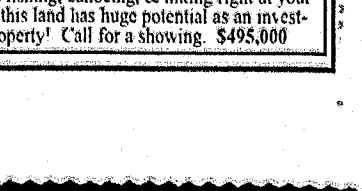
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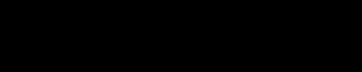
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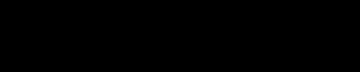
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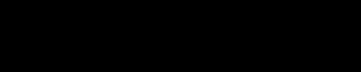
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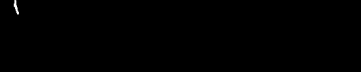
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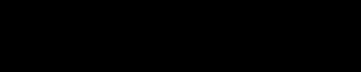
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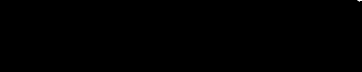
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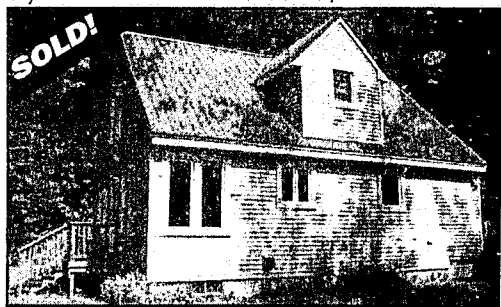
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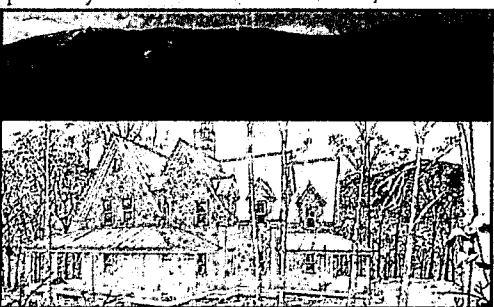
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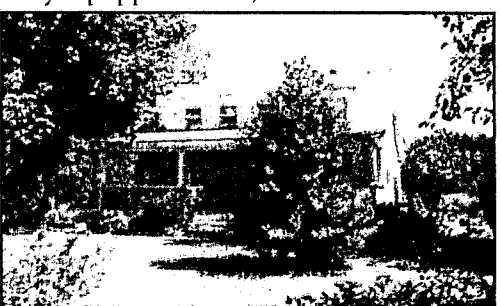
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POWDER RIDGE CONDO: Desirable 3bdrm/2.5bath condo with views of Sunday River Ski Resort. \$259,000

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PLEASANT RIVER: 2bdrm/1 bath condo located just 15 minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. UNDER CONTRACT

PLEASANT RIVER END UNIT: 2bdrm/1 bath end unit condo new wood floors, many upgrades. SOLD

CASCADES STUDIO: Studio/slopedecko condo with trail access to both Barker Mountain and Sault Ridge. SOLD



LAND

SUNDAY RIVER ROAD: 81 acres, Bethel. PENDING

OUTSTANDING VIEW LOT: 3.77 acres, Norway. \$205,500

SPECTACULAR WESTERN MOUNTAINS: 10 acres, Bethel. \$500,000

WATERFRONT RIVER POND: 6.8 acres, Woodstock. \$150,000

MAGNIFICENT POWDER RIDGE LOT: 1.18 acres, Norway. \$125,000

MOUNTAIN VIEWS: 21 acres, Bethel. \$119,000

BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN VIEWS: 2 acres, Bethel. PENDING

LARGE VIEW LOT: 41 acres, Albany. \$84,000

NEW TOWN BUILDING LOT: 25 acres, Bethel. \$77,000

NEAR STRAT: 23 acres, Bethel. SOLD

EAST BETHEL RD VIEWS: 7 acres, Bethel. \$68,000

ADJACENT RIPS: 4 acres, Bethel. \$60,000

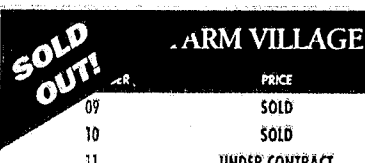
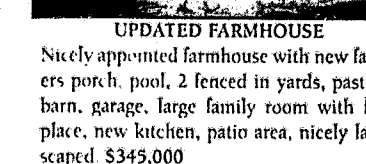
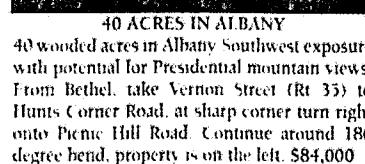
BULLY ROAD: 1.6 acres, Bethel. \$50,000

EDEN ROAD: 1.82 acres, Bethel. PENDING

PRIVATE BUILDING LOT: 6.2 acres, Albany. \$37,500

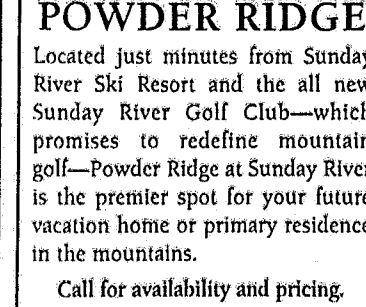
MAINTENANCE: 31 acres, Woodstock. \$32,500

MODERN ACRES BUILDING LOT: 2.94 acres, West Paris. \$25,000



LOT	PRICE
09	SOLD
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11	UNDER CONTRACT
12	SOLD
13	UNDER CONTRACT
14	UNDER CONTRACT
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LOT NUMBER	PRICE
01	\$26,000
02	\$24,000
03	SOLD
04	\$24,000
05	\$24,000
06	\$23,000
07	SOLD
08	SOLD



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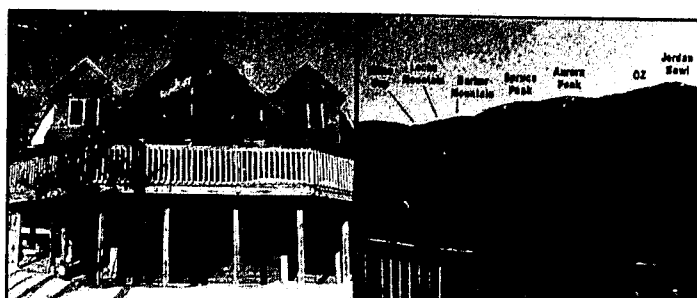
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New Listing - Bethel Village: What Better Area to Own a Multi-Family than Bethel Maine... where so many skiers, employees, year-round residents and summer vacationers need housing!! Located in a lovely Village locale, the proportions of this handsome New 2 Bedroom apartment in pristine condition with welcoming Living room with woodstove, Full Bath and newly renovated Galley Kitchen with a nice sized yard chock full of perennials. A similar lower level 2 Bedroom is located on the first level. Add to this an upper level 1 Bedroom apartment as well as a studio/Loft dwelling. Customize to Suit Your Needs or rent out seasonally, long term or short term. A One-of-a-Kind Value! \$279,000



New Listing - The Sunday River House at Nordic Knoll: A Spectacular Log Sided Contemporary of Massive Proportions Constitutes The Ideal Sunday River Ski Home! Sporting an expansive of scenic mountain vistas inclusive of 7 Sunday River Skiway Mountain Peaks and Glistening Trails. This beautiful view can be enjoyed from a whirlpool tub recessed within a huge wrap-around deck basking in southern exposure. Enormous trapezoid windows combine nicely with two glass sliders allowing the interior to gleam in sunshine. Classic V-matched pine walls, pine cathedral ceilings, exposed wooden beams and hard pine flooring add to the allure. In all, 6 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, lovely Dining Room with adjacent Kitchen, spacious, unfinished lower level recreation room, conveyed substantially furnished. Close proximity to Appalachian Trail, Great Waterways and, of course, Sunday River Ski Resort! \$499,000



New Listing - Intervale Road, Bethel: A Jewel of a Home, compact yet spacious, on an easily accessible yet private setting is offered at an oh-so-affordable price... Picture a striking GR w/ an expanse of glass from floor to ceiling, allowing natural sunlight to flood its open living area w/ high ceilings & upper level balcony. Add to this a Vermont Casting gas stove on a cobblestone hearth and you've the ideal retreat to call home. 2 first fl BRs, Full Bath w/ Laundry PLUS 2nd fl master suite w/ additional Full Bath & exterior balcony. A large daylight Basement offers expansion possibilities. OFHA heating system, skylights, decks & partial furnishing list. Situated on a 1.9+/- acre parcel replete w/ babbling brook & mountain views. Additional acreage is available. A Special Property at \$229,000

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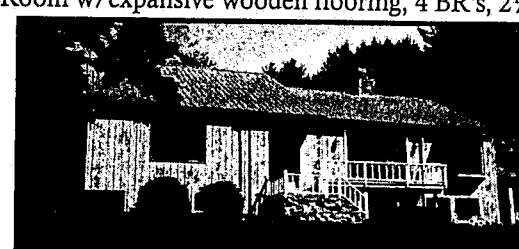


New Listing - Lush valleys, soft knolls, private pond/babbling brook, beautiful mtn. vistas comprise the landscape of this fairy tale setting. 48+/- potentially subdividable acres where impressive hard & soft wood flourish, a 4,000+/- sq ft architectural gem has been constructed, lovingly maintained & renovated. This sunny structure boasts exceptional 2'x8" envelope construction w/ spacious, open cathedral floor plan. 2 1/2 floors of massive windows allow light & surrounding scenery to dazzle. A new customized Kitchen w/ mandarin cherry cabinets & rich dark granite. Adjoining Great Room w/ expansive wooden flooring, 4 BR's, 2 1/2 Baths, partially finished lower level. \$699,000

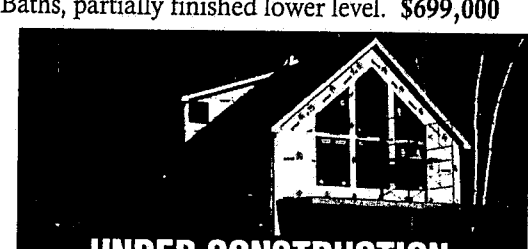
With almost \$137 Million Dollars in Volume of Sales and 1,527 Transactions, Kennett Realty, Inc. is appreciative of our #1 status. A big thank-you to our patrons.



New Listing - Bethel: A Wonderful 2003 Log-Sided Home has been constructed in a private and rural setting affording beautiful Sunday River mountain and trail views. This newly built home offers all new systems within. This requested house plan - featuring a Great Room combining a Living, Dining and Kitchen area, 1 1/2 Baths, OFHW heating system, drilled well, new septic, attached 2 Car Garage, Full Daylight Basement and scenic Deck. A Very Special Offering at \$199,900!



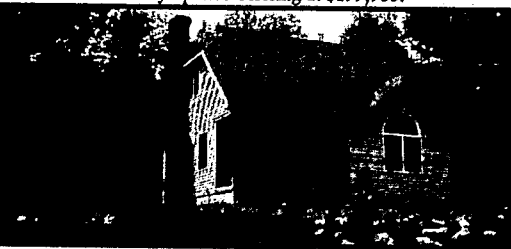
New Listing - Bethel: Sumptuously Spacious, This Master Carpenter Constructed, Customized Contemporary has been renovated & redecorated thru-out. Enlighten your horizon w/ a sun-filled int featuring a beautiful GR w/ magnificent stone hearth, new state of the art Kit w/ oak cabinetry, great appliances & skylight, an incredible Master Suite w/ palatial bathroom, skylight, tub & shower, 3 add'l BRs/Den, add'l Bath, Family Rm, 2-car Garage, large Workshop, Greenhouse... Sit upon a majestic, well landscaped setting with established perennials & a wonderful in-ground pool, this quality home is offered at \$379,000!



Introducing a fabulous new subdivision, conveniently located off the Sunday River Road, and just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. Four scenic parcels available boasting spectacular views of Aurora, Oz, Jordan Bowl, and the beautiful mountains of Western Maine. Lot #1 and house \$389,900; Lot #2 1.35 acres \$129,000; Lot #3 2.79 acres \$159,000; Lot #4 4.55 acres \$159,000



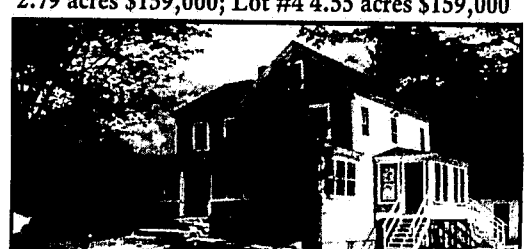
App'd by an expanse of manicured lawn accented w/ winding rock walls, find this magnificent home sit'd on a splendid 1.5+/- ac parcel edged w/ hardwood & Webb River frontage. Offering over 6,000 sq ft of living area, the floor consists of rm after rm of beautiful finish work, useful details & moldings, high ceilings, elegant trim & state-of-the-art lighting. A formal entry sets a palatial tone w/ gleaming hardwood fling offset by a classic paint scheme & eye-catching balustrade. Dazzling Kit w/ rich mahogany cabinetry, Great Rm, DR, FR, Master Suite, huge walk-in closet, aff. in-law apt., heated garage, det. pool house w/ in-ground pool, 7 Bathrooms, multiple Kitchens... A Dream Home Worth So Much More! \$749,000



Branch Road, Newry: What An Idyllic Location To Situate This Charming Getaway... Nestled in a sought-after country locale, you could snow mobile from your back yard to all corners of New England from this 1998 quality constructed home. An absolutely striking interior will please even the most discriminating. A beautiful Living Room houses a Rumford fireplace and sports a high ceiling merging nicely with a Dining/Kitchen area. The upper level Master Bedroom adjoins an open loft bedroom/library. 2 Full Baths, Daylight Basement, Farm Porch... A Must See At \$249,000!



Slopeside Home - Sunday River Village, Newry: This 4-Story P&B Home is sit'd in the most coveted of Villages at SR Ski Resort. Close to ski trails & amen. in a well est'd subdiv on a 1+/- acre. You'll marvel at its open flr pl showcasing impressive p&b work, inventive window treatments, parquet flg & professional craftsmanship. Showcasing a GR w/ ad'l DR, 2nd stry balcony, 5 BRs, lg upper flr Loft Area, 3 Baths, Game Rm, Hot Tub, Sauna, Deck, Porch, Nooks & Crannies. The Ultimate in Accommodations Awaits! \$599,000



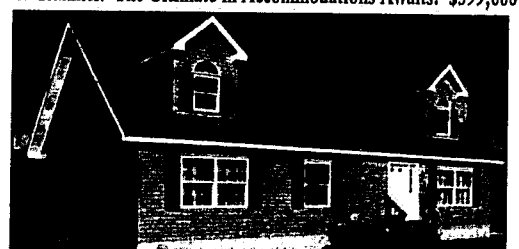
Paradise Hill: Tastefully Restored Vintage Farmhouse Is Sit In A Sought-After Locale. Your family will enjoy country living w/ convenient Bethel Village amenities right around the corner. A spacious Kit w/ pantry adjoins a DR & additions have been newly completed - A fabulous Kit w/ pantry adjoins a DR w/ woodstove & welcoming LR. A lg enclosed front porch serves as a 2nd seasonal LR area. A new spacious FR & new Bath complete the first flr. 4 upper flr BRs & add'l Bath are newly painted, flnd, or carpeted. A brand new foundation & new Daylight Basement offer even more space. New OFHW heating system, town system, water & sewer. Make This Home The One To Purchase @ \$239,900!



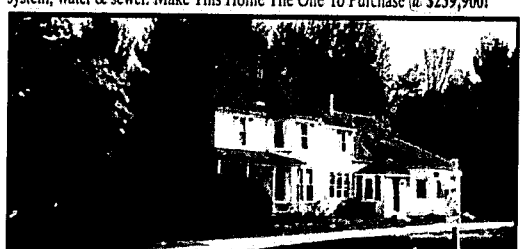
Sunday River Road @ Sunday River Skiway: Gracefully Situated on a Quiet Cul De Sac Within Walking Distance to South Ridge Base Lodge, come across this beautiful Contemporary Home. Located on a lovely 1+/- ac house site in the most elite of ski villages at Sunday River, a striking ext. houses a sumptuous & sophisticated int, lovely LR w/ flr, cedar lined hot tub rm, impressive Kit w/ ad'l Dining Rm, charming Master Suite w/ numerous amenities and Loft area, 4 add'l BRs, Kitchenette, FR, Den, 3 Baths, 2 Car Garage. Come Live in Style! \$699,000



Bailey Road, Bethel: Only one mile from Bethel Village in a most sought-after neighborhood, find this impressive Contemporary of deceptive proportions & impeccable quality, ideally situated for luxurious primary or vacation home living. Offering over 3,000+/- sq. ft of tasteful, newly appointed living area, you'll marvel at the well constructed, thought out & open floor plan of this dwelling. A dramatic cathedralized Kit w/ all appliances, adjacent eating area & outdoor screened porch, welcoming LR w/ woodstove. Recent professional painting showcases incredible techniques applied in warm color schemes, enriching the interior even more. 2 BRs PLUS Master Suite w/ walk-in closet & Full Bath, Laundry & 2 Car Garage. A brand new lower flr houses additional 3 BRs, 1 1/2 Baths, Family Room & Kitchenette. Outstanding design merges style, efficiency & beauty, making this offering A Must See at \$284,000!



New Listing - Bird Hill, Woodstock: Off A Quiet Country Road, Come Across This 5+ Acre, Slightly Sloping and Wooded Homestead, Sporting Views of North Pond. Upon this parcel a brand new modular home will soon be constructed. A classic Cape design with stately dormers to easily accommodate even the most discriminating family. On the first level, a Master Bedroom and Full Bath, Kit, Liv Rm, Second Bedroom and add'l Full Bath. An unfinished upper level allows a myriad of expansion possibilities. To be installed within a Full Basement with bulkhead will be a brand new OFHW heating system. The exterior will be comprised of easy to maintain vinyl siding and a shingled roof complete this quality package. Come Join Us In Vacationland! \$189,900

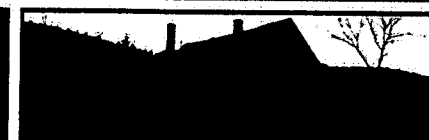
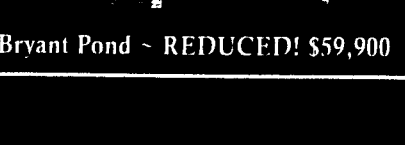
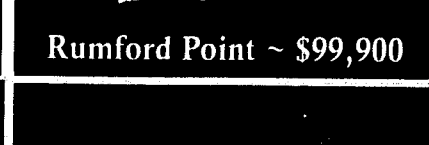
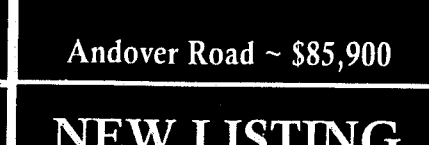
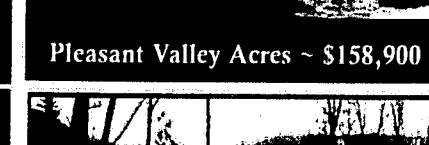
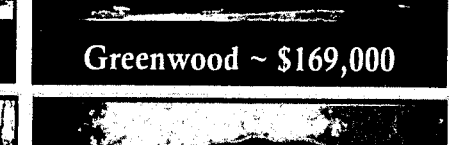


Bear River Road: This turn of the last century's Victorian is drenched in yesteryear's charm. Situated in an elegant setting where mountainous vistas appear in almost every direction, Replete w/ its own brook, the acre parcel upon which this house sits is simply put divine! A Kit the way it should be - spacious, warm & inviting - the ideal gathering place of the house. A run-on flr plan consisting of a patio, handsome BR, lg Family rm w/ fireplace and massive wrap-around deck, special BRs, 2 stairwells, one boasting an ornate ballister - in all 12 rms, large enough to accommodate most any size family yet cozy enough for two. Detached garage and outbuilding also included. This Special Home is a Gem of an Offering at \$449,900



Bethel: Beautifully Renovated & expanded 4 Bedroom Home exhibits open, spacious, cathedral ceilinged floor plan with attractive kitchen. Enhanced with skylights, white cabinets, indirect lighting, great gathering area, Dining Room and Living Room with maple flooring. Newly painted, newly restored, new septic, new well, basement. Most Attractive & Affordably Priced At \$109,900!

LEADING IN VOLUME SALES AND UNIT SALES IN OUR AREA FROM 1990 TO PRESENT!

 Bryant Pond ~ REDUCED! \$59,900	 Rumford Point ~ \$99,900	 Andover Road ~ \$85,900	 Pleasant Valley Acres ~ \$158,900	 Greenwood ~ \$169,000
 Will View Lot #4 ~ \$64,900	 Powder Ridge #45 ~ \$65,000	 NEW LISTING ANDOVER ROAD 3.6+/- acres ~ \$49,000	 Goss Pond 40+/- Acres ~ \$69,900	 Paradise Ridge Subdivision ~ \$105,000

THE STAFF OF KENNETT REALTY HAS SOLD MORE SUNDAY RIVER & AREA CONDOS THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER!

Beautiful 3 BR, Sleep 8 Capacity unit loc at the Jordan Grand Hotel, now available for Qtr Share Ownership! Great Ski-in/Ski-out loc w/ spec views. Hotel amen incl outdoor heated pool, Jacuzzis, Saunas, Health Club, Valet Parking, & more! Ownership Privileges incl space avail trading at any of American Skiing Company's Grand Resort Hotels. RCI membership avail.	Bethel Inn Fairway Townhouse: A Rare Find - This 2 BR, 2 Bath townhouse is situated along the 11th Fairway! Beautiful Mtn. vista views w/ sunny Westerly exposure. Fully furnished, sleep 8+ capacity, good rental history. \$199,000	Mill Hill Townhouse Across from the Bethel Inn: Newly constructed getaway in desirable locale situated just a "five iron shot" away from the beautifully scenic Bethel Inn Golf Course & Country Club in Bethel Village. 3 BR, 2 1/2 Baths, \$239,000	Eden Ridge 5-E: Sought after tri-level townhouse offers glorious mountain vista views and a convenient Bethel Village location. 2 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, fireplace, decks, furnishings, washer, dryer, garage. A Rare Find at \$149,000!
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SUNDAY RIVER SKI-IN/SKI-OUT CONDOS:				JORDAN GRAND QUARTERSHARE				JORDAN GRAND continued				GRAND SUMMIT continued			
BROOKSIDE BUILDING I				MERRILL BROOK				GRAND SUMMIT QUARTERSHARE				BETHEL INN TOWNHOMES			
I-A-106	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		I-A	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		115-D	Studio/1 Bath	\$13,900		#536/537	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$199,000	
I-B-407	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		III-H	2 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	SOLD		309-D	Studio/1 Bath	\$15,000		#568/569	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$205,000	
I-A-408	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		B-6	3 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	\$355,000		121-C	Studio/1 Bath	\$16,000		#5-E	2 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	\$149,000	
BROOKSIDE BUILDING II				SOUTHRIDGE				321-C	Studio/1 Bath	\$17,000		45 MILL HILL TOWNHOMES			
II-B-210	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		B-6	3 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	\$355,000		188/190-C	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$33,500		RIVERBEND			
II-B-109	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		F-1	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD		374-D	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$34,500		#4	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$110,000	
II-A-213	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD		C-2	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD		227/229-D	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$38,000		#14	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
CASCADDES				NORTHPEAK				284/286-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$39,000		#15	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
A-6	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		II-308	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$199,900		260/262-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$41,000		#7	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
A-4	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		II-111	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		120/122-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$42,000		#5	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
B-18	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD		I-309	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		173/175-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$43,000		#33	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
A-18	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD		WHITE CAP				289/291-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$43,000					
LOCKE MOUNTAIN				B-208	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$96,000		284/286-C	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$42,500					
D-3	4 Bdrm/3 1/2 Bath	SOLD		A-305	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$99,900		173/175-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$46,900					
SUNRISE				A-401	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	U/C									
A-106	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$102,000													
A-111	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD													

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Obituaries

LINDA MILLS

Linda Mills, 53, of Farmington, died Monday night, Dec. 13, at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington.

Born on Dec. 6, 1951, in Farmington, a daughter of Waman R. and Peggy (Darling) Mills, she was a 1970 graduate of Mt. Blue High School and earned her associate degree from Husson College in Bangor.

She enrolled at Bangor Community College, taking computer programming and in 1998 completed her bachelor's degree in rehabilitative services at the University of Maine, Farmington.

She spent her career assisting people with special needs as a program coordinator, resource specialist, manager and in community advocate positions. She served on 15 different committees serving special needs, mental health and physically handicapped needs within the community, state and nation. She was appointed by the governor to serve on the Rehabilitation Committee of the state of Maine.

She spoke as a lobbyist for disability related issues to the State House and Senate and attended eight conferences throughout the state and country supporting disabled persons' rights and needs. She had accomplished all of this,

even though she was confined to a wheelchair and assisted living.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Farmington and volunteered at local schools assisting young children. She took great pride in assisting in the home-schooling of her nephew. Her name is listed in the nation's book of "Who's Who" in Washington, D.C.

She loved her cats and being a confidant to her nieces and nephews.

She is survived and dearly missed by her mother, Peggy Mills of Farmington; brothers, Thomas Mills and wife Donna of Fort Worth, Texas, John Mills and Ali of Wilton, and Scott Mills and wife Robin of Bethel; sister, Sally Clemens and husband Dale of Wilton; and 21 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Waman R. Mills in 1977 and a niece, Brandi Lee Krammer in 1991.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 17, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Farmington. Those who desire may give gifts in her memory to the Linda Mills Foundation, a foundation which will consider community needs that affect young children and folks with special needs, c/o Bernadette Mills, 139 Walker Hill Road, Wilton, ME 04294.

Engagements



Sukeforth — Gionet

Jeffrey and Connie Sukeforth of Camden are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Courtney Jane Sukeforth to Michael Gregory Gionet of Bethel.

Courtney is a 2001 graduate of Camden Hills Regional High School and is currently a senior at Southern Maine Community College majoring in culinary arts and graduating in May of 2005.

Michael is the son of Mike and Nancy Gionet and is a 2003 graduate of Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. Michael is currently serving in the U.S. Navy and is assigned to NAS Brunswick, Maine.

A Jan. 1 wedding will be held at the Grand Summit Resort at Sunday River in Bethel, after which the bride and groom will honeymoon in Orlando.

Weddings



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maier

Martha Stewart Newell and Richard Edward Maier were joined in marriage on Oct. 9, 2004 at St Athanasius and St John Church in Rumford, with Deacon Rodney Berger officiating. The bride is the daughter of Charles and Catherine Newell of Greenwood and the groom is the son of Robert and Mary Maier of McCall, Idaho.

Vera Agostini of Seattle, Wash., and Martha Love of Boston, Mass., served as attendants to the bride, and John Maier of Pittsburgh, Pa., brother of the groom, was the groom's witness. Molli Kozachok, of St. Paul, Minn., Brick Maier of Dublin, Ireland, and Alec K. Newell of Bryant Pond, all siblings of the couple, served as readers. A dinner reception at the Phoenix House and Well in Newry followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Gould Academy and Middlebury College, and the groom is a graduate of Villanova University. They are currently residing in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wilson

The wedding of Tia C. Martin and Brian M. Wilson was held at 4 p.m. on Aug. 7 at the Harvest Christian Fellowship Church in Berlin, N.H. Pastor Thomas Flint officiated. Linda Levesque played wedding music on the keyboard. The ceremony included a special Prayer of Blessing for the couple by their parents.

Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Joseph and Debbie Martin of Berlin, N.H. The bride's paternal grandparents are Joseph and Denise (Tardiff) Martin of Berlin and maternal grandparents are Arthur and Arlene (Brown) Tanguay of Gorham, N.H. Mr. Wilson is the son of Ian Wilson of Berlin and Betty and Ricky Tanguay (mother and stepfather) of Gorham. The groom's paternal grandmother is Ena Wilson of Berlin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory full-length strapless a-line gown featuring a bodice and an arrangement of three roses on the back of the gown embroidered with pearls and sequins. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and wine colored aster lilies. The maid of honor was Kristen Blais of Berlin. Bridesmaids were Missy Nolin, Laurie Landry, Jessie Laflamme, Jen Roberge, Hayley Tanguay and Bridget Gagne. They all wore wine colored a-line gowns with spaghetti straps and carried coordinating floral bouquets. Flower girls, Danielle and Paige Martin, cousins of the bride, wore pink lace gowns and carried baskets of roses and lilies.

The best man was Adam Woodall of Franklin, N.H. Ushers were Justin Tempke, Cody Martin, Chris Laflamme, Jason Farren, Matt Charest and Pat Petrie. Zachary Farren and Cameron Laflamme were ring bearers.

Don Hutchinson of Colebrook, N.H. took wedding photos. A reception for 150 guests followed at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, N.H. Janet Tanguay, aunt of the bride, decorated the church and reception hall. Pam Pelchat made a one-of-a-kind four-tier wedding cake decorated with an assortment of mauve and wine lilies and colored water fountain. Gary Gagne provided the music.

Brian and Tia traveled to Boston, Mass. for a honeymoon and attended a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. They are residing in Berlin, N.H.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Berlin High School and is employed at Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield in the spa as a massage therapist. The bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Berlin High School and is employed by Smith & Town Printers of Berlin.

Births

Kristina Wadsworth and Kriss Wilson of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Caleb James Wilson, born on Nov. 13, 2004 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Diane Colby of Oxford, George Wadsworth of Minot, and extended family James and Chris Lamb and Melody Cox of Oxford Hills.

Paternal grandfather is Kirk Wilson of Sweden. Great-grandmother is Betty Atkinson of South Paris.

Caleb joins his half brother, Nicholas Wilson, age 12.

Dana and Sheila Dyke of Albany Township are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Daniel Abel, born on Nov. 30, 2004 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra and Edward Haines of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Brenda Dyke of Bethel.

Daniel Abel joins sister Dyana-Marie Arline, 15, and brother David Andrew, 8.

Ian Remington and Kristy Walker of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Cameron Johnathan Remington, born on Dec. 16, 2004 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Steven and Shirley Walker of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Donna Remington of Bethel and Allen Remington of Bethel.

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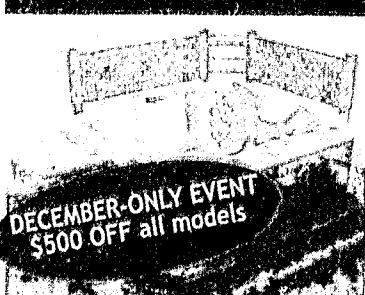
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